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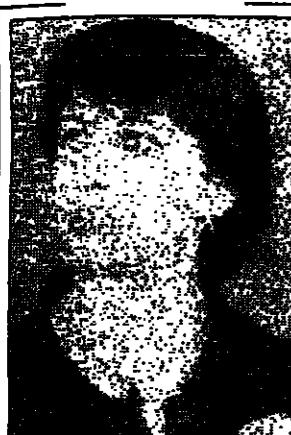
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NEWSWATCH



'Hurts' so bad!

Ballerina Sondra Jennings talks to reporters as she arrives at court for the opening of her palimony suit against Oscar-winning actor William Hurt. (Reuter wirephoto)

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Close call for kin

NICOSIA, June 20, (Reuters): Two of Ayatollah Khomeini's grandsons were wounded fighting in the Gulf war, one by Iraqi poison gas, a press interview with the Iranian leader's widow disclosed today.

Ratul Saqafi also told the Tehran weekly *Javanan* ('Youth') that in nearly 60 years of marriage to Khomeini he never spoke with an angry tone.

The Iranian news agency IRNA, reporting the interview in a dispatch received in Cyprus, said it was given about three months ago. Khomeini died on June 3 aged 86.

Saqafi, who was 16 when she married, said Hassan Khomeini, 17, son of the Ayatollah's surviving son and chief aide Ahmed, sustained chemical wounds during an Iranian operation at the Iraqi Kurdish town of Halabja.

Asked by *Javanan* interviewer whether Khomeini was a good husband the widow replied: "Very good. I am very satisfied with him. He has always been respectful towards me. He has never spoken with an angry tone."

Let's make a deal

WASHINGTON, June 20, (UPI): President Bush told congressional leaders today he would reconsider the US anti-ballistic missile proposal if Congress decides to build both the air-road MX and truck-borne Midgetman missiles.

Dust-off for Faisal

BAGHDAD, Iraq, June 20, (AP): A bronze statue of Iraq's first monarch, King Faisal I, will be reinstated in the central square, 31 years after it was knocked down by demonstrators during the coup that overthrew the monarchy, an Iraqi newspaper reported today.

Talk-athon still on

NEW DELHI, June 20, (Reuters): A 37-year-old Indian broke the record for non-stop talking today but still has some time left before he gets to set a new one. He began a marathon lecture at a south India beach resort.

S.E. Jayaraman who talked his way into the 1987 edition of *Guinness Book of World Records* with a 200-hour monologue, was still chattering away after 270 hours at an hotel in Madras. The Press Trust of India reported he was talking of going on for 360 hours.

Doc kills for cash

TOKYO, June 20, (AP): A doctor was arrested today after confessing that he obtained 25 million yen (\$174,000) from a patient for a promised kidney transplant and then killed the patient, police said.

A police official, speaking on condition of anonymity, identified the doctor as Jun Hirose, a urologist at Hamamatsu Medical College, 200 Kilometres (125 miles) west of Tokyo.

Lie started early

JERUSALEM, June 20, (AP): In a rare moment of candor about his personal life, Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir revealed today he was so determined to come here from Poland in 1935 that he lied to get around British restrictions.

Shamir applied and was accepted at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem that year even though he had no plans to study. The acceptance paved the way for an entry permit from the British.

Live ... and let die

BOURNE, Massachusetts, June 20, (UPI): An elderly couple terminally ill with cancer died early today in an apparent case of murder and suicide, police said.

Police said Howell Morris, 72, stalled about 4:45 am to report he had shot his wife, Margaret, about 72, and was going to kill himself.

When police arrived at the couple's home they found both dead.

Afro-Arab investment institution to be set up

Kuwaiti proposal endorsed

By Lima Al Khalafawi
Arab Times staff

KUWAIT, June 20: The Standing Commission for Afro-Arab co-operation has endorsed a proposal by Kuwait aimed at establishing a joint financial and investment institution.

Kuwait's Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed said that Kuwait made the proposal to emphasise that co-operation between the two groups should be

based on practical foundation.

"Kuwait had put forward this proposal to materialise our long-sought-of slogans of co-operation," Sheikh Sabah said.

The proposal will be referred to Afro-Arab finance ministers to work out the details.

The standing commission ended its two-day conference today.

The commission decided to hold the first Afro-Arab trade fair in October, 1990.

The commission agreed to set up a cultural institute in one of the African countries. It will initially have budget of half a million dollars.

Mossad infiltrates terrorist cell'

Proof claimed of strike for Hamadi

BONN, June 20. (AP): West Germany security officials have concrete evidence that terrorists are planning an attack on an airline at Frankfurt airport, a magazine reported today.

The Hamburg-based Stern magazine said police have evidence that terrorists are planning the attack in an attempt to free convicted TWA hijacker Mohammed Ali Hamadi and two imprisoned members of the Syrian-backed Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command.

Hamadi is serving a life sentence after being convicted of air piracy and murder in the 1985 hijacking of Beirut.

Frankfurt police last week said security had been stepped up at the sprawling airport. West Germany's busiest and that there were indications that a

Turks flee

Kuwait voices concern

KUWAIT, June 20. (Agencies): Kuwait Foreign Ministry Undersecretary Sulaiman Majid Al Shabeen yesterday summoned the Bulgarian ambassador here to convey Kuwait's concern over reports that Muslims of Bulgaria have been experiencing difficulties in practising their Islamic beliefs. A ministry source said the issue arises Islamic feelings.

Shabeen told the ambassador, Kuwait has confidence in Bulgaria's government's ability to handle the issue.

Meanwhile, hundreds of Bulgarian villages are being emptied as ethnic Turks head for the border and a new life in the land of their ancestors.

In the square of the small village of Kasolovo nestled in the hills of northeastern Bulgaria, groups of men, faces tanned and hands calloused from work in the fields, sit idly in the sun and wait.

"Where is the mayor?" An old man was asked. "He's already left for Turkey," was the reply. Over 120 of the villagers have already left for Turkey. The remaining 10 are waiting to go.

According to Turkish estimates, between 30,000 and 40,000 ethnic Turks have already crossed the border.

Kasolovo was the scene of a peaceful demonstration in May by ethnic Turks demanding a return of the Turkish names they were made to give up for Slavic ones in a forced assimilation drive in 1984 and 1985.

The protest was violently crushed by police and troops. One man in the almost wholly Turkish village was killed and many injured. Several other deaths were reported in nearby villages.

Turkish and Western diplomats put the number of deaths at between 10 and 30. According to the Bulgarian authorities, only three people died during the disorders.

"They took away our names, they forbade us to speak our language, even among ourselves, they destroyed our Muslim traditions," an old man said.

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Soviets welcome Rafsanjani

All Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, Speaker of the Iranian Parliament (centre) was received by Anatoly Lukyanov (left), Vice President of the USSR and Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze on his arrival in Moscow. See story on Page 5. (Reuter wirephoto)

Beijing sees foreign hand

'Borrow their courage'

BELIJING, June 20, (Agencies): Beijing radio charged today that reactionaries in the United States, Canada, Hong Kong and Macao supported and helped plot the student-led democracy movement in China.

It quoted a Beijing professor as

Chinese 'boat people' arrive in Philippines

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saying Washington played "an inglorious role" in plotting mass demonstrations which sparked the biggest political crisis in 40 years of Chinese communist rule.

It also announced the arrest of Liu Gang, 28, who was high on a nation-wide "wanted" list of 21 alleged student leaders.

Liu, the sixth top activist captured since the list was circulated a week ago, first gave a false name to police who detained him in Baoding, south of Beijing, the

city where they forbade us to speak our language, even among ourselves, they destroyed our Muslim traditions," an old man said.

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UK to review equality in blasphemy

LONDON, June 20, (Reuters): A British Muslim group yesterday won a victory in its court battle to bring author Salman Rushdie and his publishers to trial for allegedly blaspheming Islam in his novel *The Satanic Verses*.

High court judge Michael Nolan granted the British Muslim Action Front permission to challenge an earlier ruling that Rushdie could not be tried because under British law blasphemy only applied to Christianity.

Lawyer Ali Azhar hailed the judge's decision as historic and said: "We will now seek to show that

any religion, including Islam, can be included in the offence of blasphemy."

The next move was to find Rushdie, who did not appear in court, in order to serve legal papers on him.

The Indian-born British author has been in hiding under police guard since late Iranian spiritual leader Ayatollah Khomeini last February announced *The Satanic Verses* as blasphemous and ordered Muslims to kill its author.

No date was set for a new hearing.



No, wasn't me'

Former Sudanese President Jaafar Nimeiri in his national dress at his Cairo house after denying any involvement in a failed coup which he said was the start of popular revolution which will bring him back to power. (Reuter wirephoto)

Cry for bread, sugar ... and me'

Plot ran long, deep

CAIRO, June 20, (Agencies): Sudanese security officials say 19 tanks as well as paratroopers and air defence service personnel were to have joined in a foiled coup to restore former president Jaafar Nimeiri to power, Egypt's Middle East News Agency (MENA) reported today.

A dispatch from the Sudanese capital Khartoum quoted the security officials as saying the plotters had been under government surveillance for as long as three years.

Sudan's military command announced Sunday that it had thwarted an alleged pro-Nimeiri coup attempt planned for yesterday. The exiled president, who was overthrown in a military coup April 6, 1985, denied plans for such a coup.

In its report today, MENA quoted Abdel Rahim Farah, security adviser to Prime Minister Sadek Al Mahdi, as saying that 48 civilians and 28 military officers on active duty were involved in the coup plot.

Security has been tightened at Sudanese airports and sea ports to prevent the escape of alleged plotters still at large, Farah told the Egyptian agency. He said arrests were continuing but did not say how many were in custody.

Nimeiri today denied involvement in a failed coup there but promised: "I will return to save Sudan from corruption."

"It is the start of a popular revolution which will

be followed by other revolutions until the present government is ousted," Nimeiri, living in exile in Cairo since he was deposed in 1985, told Reuters in an interview.

Demonstrators calling for Nimeiri's return attacked shops in Khartoum city centre on Sunday and yesterday in protest at food and transport shortages.

"It is the revolution of the hungry people. The Sudanese people have no food, no medicine and no shelter. It is only normal that they rise against the government," he said.

Interviewed at his luxury two-storey villa in the fashionable Cairo suburb of Heliopolis, Nimeiri said Egypt had no role in the foiled coup.

He said the accusation made by Khartoum newspapers was unfounded.

"Mahdi wanted to divert the attention of the Sudanese people and the entire world from corruption at home and as usual he tried to link what happened to Egypt," Nimeiri said.

The ousted president said thousands of Sudanese people came to Egypt every week seeking medicine and food.

"Many come to me. They come to their former leader seeking help. Every Sudanese is welcome to visit me at my home," said Nimeiri.

Referring to the protest reports from Khartoum, he said: "They are not chanting only for Nimeiri's return ... they are crying for bread and sugar."

DAY BY DAY

MORE entertainment facilities should be set up for the benefit of those who are forced — for financial reasons or otherwise — to remain here during the long summer months.

It isn't a matter of providing new TV programmes but rather a greater and better variety of entertainment.

This problem should be looked into since public boredom desperately needs to be alleviated.

Zahed Matar

NEWS IN BRIEF

Philippine ambush

SAN FERNANDO, Philippines, June 20, (AP): Six suspected communist assassins, armed with semi-automatic rifles, shot and killed the vice mayor of a northern Philippine town today, a military report said.

Capt. Francisco Villaroman, Philippine constabulary area commander, identified the slain official as Leovigildo Pangan, 55, vice mayor of the town of Santa Ana in Panganga province, 56 kms (35 miles) north of Manila.

Villaroman said Pangan was aboard a passenger jeep when six members of the New People's Army, disguised as government troops, flagged down Pangan's vehicle as it headed to a meeting of village chiefs.

Highway robbery

OZAMIS, Philippines, June 20, (Reuter): A gang of robbers fired on a jeepney minibus on a southern Philippine highway, killing eight passengers and wounding eight others, police said yesterday.

Police, quoting survivors, said the jeepney was approaching Banilian town, 140 km (85 miles) northwest of Ozamis on Mindanao island, when 10 gunmen appeared on the road and opened fire.

Survivors said the robbers fled on foot after stripping their victims of cash, jewellery and other valuables.

Women campaign

TOKYO, June 20 (KUNA): Japanese women organisations continued their campaign today against Japanese Prime Minister Sosuke Uno and called on him to resign in the wake of reports of his earlier affair with a girl from geisha clubs.

The Kawasaki Municipality Council agreed that Uno should resign if these rumours turn out to be true.

Korean peace talks

SEOUL, June 20, (AP): North Korea said today it was ready to resume parliamentary talks with South Korea on easing tension, but it also denounced Seoul for arresting a top dissident and called for his release.

The North Korea delivered a letter at the Panmunjom border truce site proposing that the stalled talks resume on June 28, South Korean officials said. The North's letter was in response to a South Korean call on May 26 to resume talks to set terms for a meeting of the two sides' parliaments.

US denial

SEOUL, June 20, (AP): The United States has formally denied that it played a part in the bloody military suppression of a 1980 civil uprising in the southern city of Kwangju that left some 200 people dead, officials said today.

The US State Department stated its position in a letter to a South Korean parliamentary special committee investigating the nine-day armed revolt in Kwangju, 280 kms (175 miles) southwest of Seoul, the officials said.

AYC meeting

KATHMANDU, June 20, (AP): The second executive meeting of the Kuala Lumpur-based Asian Youth Council was opened yesterday by Nepal's National Assembly chairman, Navaraj Subedi.

Representatives from Bangladesh, Brunei, India, Indonesia, South Korea, Malaysia, Nepal, Philippines and Sri Lanka were attending the two-day meeting.

AYC is a voluntary association of Asian Youth Council co-ordinating committees headquartered in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Assam blast kills 10

GUWATHI, June 20, (UPI): Suspected tribal militants in northeastern Assam state today exploded a powerful bomb at a railway station, killing at least 10 people and injuring about 20 others, police said.

They said they believed Bodoland extremists had taken a separate state for their hill tribe to be carved out of Assam set off the bomb at the railway station at Kokrajhar, about 750 miles (1,200 km) east of New Delhi. The blast killed at least 10 people and injured about 20 others, police said.

Golden temple

NEW DELHI, June 20, (KUNA): The Indian government has decided to construct a 10-metre corridor outside the Golden Temple complex in Amritsar, Sikhs' holiest shrine and scene of the "Operation Bluestar" in 1984.

Missing Americans

BANGKOK, June 20, (AP): Vietnam tomorrow will turn over the remains of what it believes are 28 American servicemen missing from the Vietnam war, a US military spokesman said today.

Maj Dan Trout said a US military team is planning to fly to Hanoi, the Vietnamese capital, to retrieve the remains in a brief ceremony before bringing them back to the United States.

Largest festival

BEIJING, June 20, (UPI): The largest religious festival held since martial law was declared in the Tibetan capital more than three months ago drew tens of thousands of worshippers and a famous figure, the Xinhua news agency reported today.

The Sagadawa festival, which celebrates the birth and achievement of Nirvana by Buddha, took place without incident yesterday in Lhasa, the agency said.

Meeting on Angola

KINSHASA, June 20, (AP): Leaders of 11 African countries will meet on Thursday in Gbadolite to discuss a political settlement in Angola, the government announced today.

Gold smuggling

PRAGUE, June 20, (Reuter): Customs officials have seized more than \$500,000 worth of gold and cash, cracking the biggest known smuggling operation in Czechoslovakia, the state news agency CTK reported today.

Foreign policy to be major issue in election

NEW DELHI, June 20, (Reuter): A bitter row with Sri Lanka over the withdrawal of Indian troops from the island and a trade war with Nepal threaten to overshadow Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's early diplomatic successes in an election year.

Analysts said today the two issues gave the opposition a chance to make Rajiv's Congress (I) Party's foreign policy record a major issue for the first time in a general election, which he

must call by the end of the year.

On Sri Lanka, Rajiv has rejected President Ranasinghe Premadasa's demand for the pullout by July 29 of 45,000 troops of the Indian Peace-Keeper Force (IPKF) sent under an accord between Rajiv and Premadasa's predecessor, Junius Jayewardene.

On Nepal, Rajiv has refused to renew trade arrangements which control the entry of nearly all imports into the landlocked Himalayan kingdom from

India because of perceived moves to improve ties with China.

India's best-known opposition leader, Vishwanath Pratap Singh, has already said he intends to make Sri Lanka and Nepal part of his campaign platform for the polls.

The opposition will focus criticism on the loss of nearly 1,000 Indian soldiers in operations carried out by the IPKF against Tamil rebels, said former foreign secretary A.P. Venkateswaran.

"The main concern of the Indian government is that it has no way of justifying the issue to the public—what we have achieved there by sending our troops, by losing so many Indian lives and spending (millions) of rupees," he said.

"These are questions that are bound to be asked after the withdrawal is completed and particularly during an election campaign," Venkateswaran said.

The troops, sent to Sri Lanka to disarm Tamil rebels under the 1987 accord, are now in danger of turning into an occupation force, said Ashis Nandi of the Centre for the Study of Developing Societies.

Newspaper reports from Colombo, unconfirmed by the Sri Lankan government, say Sri Lanka may take the issue to the UN Security Council or the International Court at the Hague if India refuses to comply with the July 29

deadline.

"Such a move will immediately make the IPKF an occupation force and tarnish India's reputation as a mature nation in the Third World as well as reinforce suspicions among its neighbours of being a regional bully," Nandi said.

He said the damage to India's international standing could lose the goodwill he earned with visits to the United States and the Soviet Union.

China lashes out



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The United States has formally urged Chinese leaders to show clemency to individuals sentenced to death for their part in that country's recent unrest and end a wave of mass arrests, the White House said today.

"Sentences of death in Shanghai and Beijing could only deepen the wounds of the past few weeks," spokesman Martin Fitzwater said in announcing that the US appeal had been delivered to Chinese Ambassador Han Xu last night.

At the United Nations, Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar made a similar appeal, a UN spokeswoman said.

At least 11 death sentences have been handed down since troops and tanks crushed pro-democracy demonstrations in Beijing and other cities earlier this month.

US Secretary of State James Baker expressed disappointment today at Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev's failure to criticise the suppression of the pro-democracy demonstrators.

State radio quoting a letter from the unnamed professor, said today the recent turmoil in China was caused by "very small cliques who hate our country" and was "supported, encouraged and plotted by reactionary forces abroad."

It went on: "Hong Kong and Macao forces have for a long time engaged in reactionary propaganda..."

"Some illegal organisations... based in Canada and the United States spared no effort to encourage this movement."

"The United States which claimed during this movement to be friendly to China played an ignominious role."

"Fang Lizhi (China's top dissident) now sheltering in the American embassy) and his like got encouragement and support from the United States. This is a fact known to all."

"American embassy staff and journalists were constant visitors to Fang's house," the letter went on. "Student movement leader Wang Dan always followed Fang Lizhi and (his wife) Li Shuxian."

State radio also broadcast a call to all citizens to give painstaking study to a newly-published collection of speeches and essays by senior leader Deng Xiaoping, due to hit the bookstalls soon.

It emphasised a chapter containing "Bourgeois liberalism," communist jargon for Western democratic ideas.

Against this background of strident attacks on foreigners, Chinese guards today turned away droves of Beijing citizens queuing for visas to go abroad.

It followed a bureaucratic decision which effectively seals China's borders to anyone who took part in the recent protests.

People outside the US embassy said rules effective from today meant that a person wishing to leave China must show a letter from a supervisor certifying their political purity.

The restrictions on foreign travel, part of the overall crackdown on dissent, are the work of the newly-dominant hardline leadership in Beijing.

Signs over the last few days indicated a top party body possibly the 175-member central committee but more likely its ruling politburo — would meet very soon to give formal approval to a new post-Zhao line-up.

President Bush exhorted graduating high school students in Wycombe, Pennsylvania, yesterday to show the same idealism and devotion to country that led Chinese students to confront heavily armed soldiers and die for democracy.

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Sri Lanka imposes state of emergency

Efforts to contain violence

COLOMBO, June 20, (Agencies): President Ranasinghe Premadasa, faced with a crippling transport strike and increasing civil unrest, imposed a nation-wide state of emergency today.

Foreign Minister Ranjan Wijeratne told Parliament that Premadasa proclaimed the state of emergency to control unrest believed to be sponsored by Sinhalese extremists. The President had lifted a similar state of emergency six months earlier.

The proclamation, which went into effect immediately, lasts for one month and can be extended by Parliament every month.

"It has been necessary ... to declare a state of emergency to ensure the proper conduct of public utility services and protect the people," Wijeratne said. He also serves as deputy defence minister.

Emergency regulations give the police and the military broad powers to arrest and detain suspects without warrants or other judicial requirements. Authorities can also dispose of bodies without inquests.

A senior government official said on condition of not being identified the emergency was approved by a key group of government lawmakers known as the parliamentary group.

Sinhalese extremists, mostly belonging to the left-wing People's Liberation Front (JVP) are believed to have spearheaded an eight-day-old strike by workers of the state-owned public transport company.

The strike by 20,000 workers of the Sri Lanka Transport Board, which has turned violent, forced more than 4,000 buses off the road.

Police say strike sponsors have threatened private bus and taxi drivers and last week set 15 buses afire. As a result, most vehicles used for transport have stopped work and government offices have reported a drop in attendance.

"Public services, including transport, have been paralysed by forcing the workers to keep away from work," Wijeratne said.

Since it began an anti-government campaign in 1987, the Sinhalese front has been blamed for killing more than 3,500 people, most of whom were government officials or ruling party activists.

Wijeratne said more than 1,700 people have been killed since January, of whom 965 were politicians, government officials and policemen.

"There has been progressive escalation of violence, acts of sabotage and disruption of essential services throughout the country," he said. "Under such a situation, the government cannot look on inactively."

The Sinhalese militants launched their anti-government drive to protest peace overtures made to rebels of the Tamil community, who have been fighting for an independent nation since 1983.

The insurrection forced Premadasa's predecessor, Junius Jayewardene, to impose emergency laws in May 1983.

A senior official at the Religious Ministry said on condition of anonymity that the ministry was assessing the situation, and "We are planning to send relief to the affected areas in Comilla and Rangpur today."

Siachen accord not yet

NEW DELHI, June 20, (KUNA): India has categorically denied that any agreement had been reached with Pakistan at the recent defence secretaries' meeting in Islamabad on withdrawal of troops by both countries in Siachen area to pre-1972 positions.

Pakistani Foreign Secretary Dr. Hamid Khan yesterday told newsmen at Islamabad airport that the two countries had agreed to redeploy their forces to the pre-1972 positions at the Siachen area to pre-1972 positions.

An official spokesman here yesterday expressed surprise at Khan's statement and said he wondered on what basis Khan reached this conclusion.

"There was no indication of any such agreement in the joint press statement issued at the end of the four-day talks between the defence secretaries," the spokesman said.

He said Khan was not present at the talks held between the defence secretaries.

He noted that Indian Foreign Secretary SK Singh, who was present when Khan made the statement, did not react because he too had not participated in the talks.

Addressing a joint press conference at the Islamabad airport on Sunday Khan had said that the significance of the joint decision by the defence secretaries of the two countries was that a potential source of conflict between India and Pakistan would be removed.

"Now there is some problem as to what exactly these points were on ground in 1972. Therefore, the Army authorities on both sides have been instructed to be in touch with each other and locate these points," he had said.

The spokesman said the joint statement only indicates that there was an agreement on the approach and exploration of proposals. Also the Army authorities had been charged with the responsibility of examining the question and putting up proposals to their respective governments.

"There was an agreement between the two sides to work towards a comprehensive settlement based on redeployment of forces to reduce the chances of conflict, avoiding the use of force."

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Japan to test water for radioactivity where H-bomb was lost

TOKYO, June 20, (AP): Japan's Coast Guard will test water at the bottom of the ocean to see if a hydrogen bomb that dropped off a US aircraft carrier 24 years ago has polluted the area near a Japanese island, officials said today.

Michiaki Okubo, of the Science and Technology Agency's Nuclear Safety Bureau, said the deep-water survey will be carried out next month as part of a government study.

"We will check water samples to learn

about the environmental effects on fish," he said.

Okubo said the water samples, to be taken from eight locations by a maritime safety agency survey vessel, will be analyzed by experts. He said results are expected to be announced as early as September.

"But even if radioactivity is found among the samples, it will be very hard to distinguish whether it came from the bomb or from that of nuclear tests,"

In the Dec 5, 1965 accident, an A-4 Skyhawk plane carrying the one-megaton H-bomb rolled off the carrier Ticonderoga about 130 kilometres (80 miles) from a small island in Okinawa, southern Japan.

A bomb has an explosive force equivalent to 1 million tons of TNT. The bomb and the plane settled in the seabed after its radioactivity material had

dissolved into the seawater, according to an official US report, released by the Japanese government last month.

Okubo said testing the seabed where the bomb sank would be inconclusive because scientists have no previous samples to compare them with.



Actor William Hurt testifies at a trial in New York against his former lover. (Reuter wirephoto)

PEOPLE AND PLACES

TULSA, Oklahoma: Actress Liv Ullman, who since 1980 has worked to support the United Nations Children's Fund, found an attentive audience in the 1,200 delegates to the General Federation of Women's Clubs meeting in Tulsa.

"We have enough of cynics, and they never move the world," she said.

She said she is glad to use her reputation as an actress to spread the word about the plight of the world's homeless and destitute children "because people tend to listen."

"If I can spread an awareness to one person, maybe I can change that person's life," she said.

Ullman was the keynote speaker for the international convention of women involved in volunteer services. (AP)

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BEVERLY HILLS: Zsa Zsa Gabor says she was handcuffed and made to sit on the street while being arrested on charges of slapping a policeman who had pulled over her white Rolls-Royce.

The actress was booked for investigation of evading a policeman, battery on a policeman, driving without a valid licence, driving an unregistered car and driving with an open flask of whisky, said Police Lieutenant James Smith.

She was released last Wednesday on her own recognizance.

Miss Gabor said she struck the officer in self-defence.

"Lot of people stopped and said, 'How can you do that to Zsa Zsa?' This is not a reason to confiscate a \$215,000 car and put handcuffs on me and make me sit in the street," the Hungarian-born actress said.

Gabor's car was later impounded.

In January, police in Atlanta escorted Miss Gabor off a jetliner after she refused to keep her dogs in travel kennels. (AP)

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STATHAM, Georgia: Talk show host Johnny Carson says he's going to buy a new stove and refrigerator for two elderly sisters who spent 20 years fighting City Hall over their water bill.

"I was already thrilled she was on television," Vicki Crowe, 79, said Saturday after watching her sisters on Carson's "The Tonight Show." "But when he said he was going to give us the stove and the refrigerator — well, oh my, it was just great."

Carson, 70, told Carson on Friday night how she and her sister had told city officials for 20 years that they were paying their neighbour's water bill in addition to their own because both lines were connected to their meter.

Freeman described how she and Crow had skimped on water by taking sponge baths and eating canned beans to avoid using water to wash fresh vegetables.

The city finally relented in April and reimbursed them more than \$800.

When Carson asked how they planned to spend the \$800, Freeman said they would buy a new stove and refrigerator. (AP)

CHATTANOOGA, Tennessee: Rising country music singer Seay Boggess says life has changed since she was voted Best New Female Artist by the Academy of Country Music in April.

"After the award, my booking quadrupled, the requests for interviews just flooded and everything seemed to happen," she said in a telephone interview last week.

"It's a lot different than two years ago when I went to 55 radio stations in the South and Midwest to see if they would play my music," the 32-year-old singer said. "I don't mind because I'm a travel nut and I measure my success by the places I've been."

By the time her concert tour ends this summer, she will have been on 47 of the 50 states. (AP)

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CHAPEL HILL, North Carolina: A little fear can take you a long way, astronomer Scott Carpenter told a group of 500 school children at the 40th anniversary celebration of the Morehead Planetarium.

"Everyone of us is scared, but there's nothing wrong with being scared," Carpenter said in response to a question. "A little fright helps you do all sorts of things better."

Carpenter was with six of the original seven Mercury astronauts who appeared Saturday at the festivities for the planetarium, which served as a training centre for astronauts from 1959 to 1975.

Donald "Dee" Slayton, Gordon Cooper, Sen. John Glenn, Walter Schirra and Alan Shepard were there for the visit, which also marked the 30th anniversary of the Mercury programme and the 20th anniversary next month of the Apollo 11 mission and Neil Armstrong's historic walk on the moon. (AP)

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PHILADELPHIA: After an 11-year hiatus, pianist Van Cliburn resumed his public performances last night to thunderous applause with a concert dedicated to two late friends.

The audience called the pianist back to the stage 13 times after he completed his programme of Liszt's Piano Concerto No. 1 and Tchaikovsky's Piano Concerto No. 1. Cliburn ended the evening with four encores.

"This is a very sentimental evening for me," Cliburn told the audience before the performance began. "This is an evening of remembrance of two wonderful friends."

An audience of 12,000 turned out at the Mann Music Centre for his appearance with the Philadelphia Orchestra under the direction of guest conductor Stanislaw Skrowaczewski.

The benefit was benefit dedicated to Eugene Ormandy, who died five years after he retired from a 44-year career as music director of the Philadelphia Orchestra, and to Frederic Manna, who ran the centre renamed in his honour from 1949 until his death in 1987.

The proceeds will help finance continuation of the summer classical concerts.

"It's so good to be back with the Philadelphia Orchestra. It seems like I never left," Cliburn said.

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WASHINGTON: A judge ruled yesterday that a mother who has been jailed for 22 months in a bitter custody dispute should remain incarcerated until she reveals her daughter's whereabouts or turns the child over to authorities.

Dr Elizabeth Morgan, a prominent Washington plastic surgeon, was jailed in August 1987 on contempt of court charges after refusing to produce her daughter Hilary for court-ordered visits with Eric Forstich, Morgan's ex-husband and the girl's father.

Dr Morgan has alleged that Forstich sexually abused Hilary. Forstich has repeatedly denied those charges. (AP)

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Love hurts, actor testifies

Ex-lover says Hurt violent

NEW YORK, June 20 (Agencies): A former ballerina said outside court yesterday during her matrimony lawsuit against Oscar-winning actor William Hurt that he falsely portrays himself as an '80s type man, but he actually has a violent streak toward women and once tried to strangle her.

Sandra Jennings' attack on the Oscar winner came during a lunch break in the trial, halting Hurt's testimony that at the start of their romance in 1981 he told her he believed that "spiritual marriage" reigned supreme over legal matrimony.

"I believe I made a point about establishing a difference between a legal-business relationship and a commitment before God. To novices, it's called the separation of church and state," Hurt testified.

But he denied that he ever used the word "marriage" in any form to describe his relationship with Jennings, the mother of their son, Alexander, 6.

Hurt said that he has never referred to Jennings as "my wife ever. I knew it wasn't true so I didn't say it. I never called her my wife or my spouse."

Jennings, 32, who says her and her son are living at the poverty level on her current \$65,000 in annual child support, is suing to prove they had a common-law marriage and seeks half of Hurt's \$10-million in earnings.

The former member of the New York City Ballet, speaking with reporters outside State Supreme Court in Manhattan, said Hurt "told me we had a spiritual marriage. A marriage in the eyes

of God."

Hurt, 39, who sparked laughter in the courtroom with his barbed retorts to Jennings' lawyer's questions, was a different man than she knew, Jennings said.

"He's able to portray to the public a different image than he really is," she said. "A lot of people think he's this very '80s type man. Women look up to him and think, 'Isn't he wonderful?'

In private, she said, the actor was physically violent to her, and his battering drove her from the relationship after about two years. On one occasion, Hurt was speaking to her but was interrupted when she ran off to pick up their sobbing son, then 15 months.

"He knocked me down and just started strangling me. After that, that's when I decided I had to get out," Jennings said.

Hurt, who won an Oscar in 1986 for his role in "Kiss of the Spider Woman," told Richard Golub, Jennings' lawyer, the two met in Saratoga Springs, New York, in June 1981, began dating and discussed marriage at one point.

"I made my position very clear to her," said Hurt, who married band leader Skitch Henderson's daughter, Heidi, in March.

"What was your position?" asked Golub.

"That I wasn't going to be married again," Hurt answered, referring to his separation from his first wife, actress Mary Beth Hurt.

"What was that based on?" asked Golub.

"My failure at marriage and my family's failure at marriage. I had gotten burned," Hurt replied.

'Sky used as waste dump'

Carcinogens emitted

WASHINGTON, June 20, (AP):

US industrial plants are spewing 360 million pounds (163 kilogrammes) of suspected cancer-causing chemicals into the air annually with releases from each of the 30 biggest polluters exceeding 1 million pounds (450,000 kilogrammes), according to government statistics.

The pollution figures were released yesterday by a private environmental group and confirmed by the Environmental Protection Agency, which provided the raw statistics based on information provided by industry under a fledgling public disclosure law.

"Industries are using the sky as a garbage dump to dispose of hundreds of millions of pounds (kilogrammes) of unregulated cancer-causing chemicals," said Deborah Shulman, author of the report from the Natural Resources Defense Council.

The NRDC identified more than 1,500 companies in 46 states that release substantial amounts of at least one of 13 cancer-causing chemicals into the air. Thirty of the companies reported releasing more than 1 million pounds (450,000 kilogrammes) of a particular carcinogen and several had releases five to nine times that amount, the group said.

While the EPA did not challenge the statistics, it stopped short of attempting to estimate the health risks posed by such releases.

Charles Elkins, director of the EPA's toxics programme, said the raw figures cannot measure individuals' health risks because they do not take into account exposure levels.

A spokesman for one of the companies cited, Boeing Military Airplanes of Wichita, Kansas, said that while the company's Kansas plant releases 2.3 million pounds (1 million kilogrammes) of trichloroethylene, the releases are so diluted "the chemical is undetectable" in the Roman Catholic Church.

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The spokesman, Richard Hill, said Boeing nevertheless is trying to develop a substitute for the chemical.

The Boeing plant ranked ninth among the biggest polluters cited in the NRDC report. The most

releases of any of the 13 carcinogens examined came from the plants of Eastman Kodak Co. in Rochester, New York. The company reported 8.9 million pounds (4 million kilogrammes) of methylene chloride were released during 1987, according to the EPA figures.

David Doniger, an NRDC attorney, acknowledged that the raw figures provide no assessment of health risk to residents near the plants, but maintained "these pollutants have to be considered dangerous at any level of exposure."

Only one of the 13 chemicals, benzene, is subject to any EPA regulation covering routine industrial releases.

The EPA also issued a summary report identifying the five states with the most toxic pollution in 1987: California, with 5.8 billion pounds (2.6 billion kg); Texas, 2.8 billion pounds (1.2 billion kg); Louisiana, 1.7 billion pounds (0.8 billion kg); Alabama, 0.72 million pounds (375 million kg); and Michigan, 0.33 million pounds (337 million kg).

However, EPA officials said California's ranking was largely due to the inadvertent inclusion of sodium sulfate — a widely used but largely non-toxic industrial processing agent — on the list of reportable chemicals.

Without sodium sulfate, which will not be included in the data base next year, California would rank ninth in total toxic discharges.

The government of Chile yesterday ordered half of the diesel-fuelled bus fleet off Santiago streets and slapped a one-day-a-week closing order on 50 polluting industries to ease one of the world's worst smog problems.

The measures, which included extending to the entire city a 20-per cent cut in private car traffic, followed a public outcry that citizens are suffocating in the brown cloud of contamination clogging the city of 3 million people.

Doctors warned the contamination was endangering public health and newspapers reported hospitals were using beds in hallways to accommodate an overflow of patients with respiratory illnesses.

Painful papal prose

Vatican venality viewed

VATICAN CITY, June 20, (Reuters):

The most sought-after book inside the Vatican these days is not a new papal encyclical or a controversial theological treatise.

It is a work which seeks to quash the tireless rumour that Pope John Paul I was murdered in 1978, but which paints the tiny walled city-state as the domain of bungling bureaucrats and spiteful monsignors.

"Everybody here is talking about it, wanting to borrow a copy from someone," a Vatican insider said about British journalist John Cornwell's new book, "A Thief in the Night."

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Yeltsin writes book

NEW YORK, June 20, (UPI): Maverick Soviet politician Boris Yeltsin's memoirs on the inside workings of the Politburo will be published in the United States early next year, it was announced yesterday.

A spokesman for Summit Books said it has acquired the US and Canadian rights to public Yeltsin's as yet unfinished memoirs for an undisclosed price in auction bidding with other publishers.

Part of the proceeds to Yeltsin will be donated to a new fund to fight AIDS in the Soviet Union at the author's request.

Elections proposed

PARIS, June 20, (AP): The United States introduced a proposal yesterday at an East-West human rights conference calling for establishment of free elections as a challenge to all 35 member-states.

"By introducing this proposal, we are setting down a marker, we are establishing a goal which we believe should be pursued vigorously," said Steny H. Hoyer, a US congressman who is co-chairman of the US Commission on Security and Co-operation in Europe.

Nuke test planned

PAHUTE MESA, Nevada, June 20, (UPI): A nuclear weapon possibly 11 times greater than the atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima during World War II, will be exploded beneath the Nevada desert this week, the US Department of Energy announced yesterday.

The detonation is scheduled for 7 am Wednesday.

The weapon is buried at the bottom of a 1,800 foot (500-m) deep shaft beneath Pahute Mesa, a high plateau area on the Nevada test site 105 miles (170 km) northwest of Las Vegas.

Royal tomb found

TEGUCIGALPA, June 20, (Reuter): Archaeologists have unearthed in Copan what they believe to be the remains of a seventh century Mayan ruling family buried in one of the finest tombs ever discovered in the region, a spokesman said yesterday.

"A special funeral chamber, beneath the hydromorphic staircase, was found with the human remains of some of the Mayan ruling family," Honduran Institute of Anthropology and History (IHAH) Director Victor Cruz said.

Czechs on trial

FRANKFURT, June 20, (Reuter): Two Czechoslovak youths went on trial in West Germany today charged with hijacking a Hungarian airliner to Frankfurt after spraying the VIP lounge at Prague airport with gunfire.

The trial of the 16-year-old defendants began in a Frankfurt juvenile court despite repeated demands by the Czechoslovak government for their extradition over the incident three months ago.

3 die in strike

SANTO DOMINGO, June 20, (Reuter): Three people died and nine were injured yesterday in street clashes between security forces and supporters of a two-day general strike in the Dominican Republic.

Police said two strike supporters died when police and soldiers used automatic rifles and machine-guns to control a street protest in a northern Santo Domingo neighbourhood.

54 rebels killed

MAPUTO, Mozambique, June 20, (AP): Government troops killed 54 rebel fighters in recent combat in the southern province of Gaza, the national news agency AIM reported yesterday.

Forty-four rebels of the Mozambican National Resistance died in a battle June 9 and 10 more were killed in additional operations through June 14, AIM said. All the fighting was in Gaza province, AIM said, citing a military source in Manjacaze, about 200 kilometres (120 miles) north of Maputo, the capital.

421 rebels die

KAMPALA, Uganda, June 20, (AP): Government troops killed 421 rebels and captured 313 guns in northern Uganda within the last three weeks, the state-run New Vision newspaper reported yesterday.

The newspaper quoted Betty Bigombe, minister for pacification in Gulu district, as saying 515 rebels also had surrendered to the government.

Bomb explodes

LIMA, June 20, (Reuter): Maoist guerrillas festooned the Peruvian capital with red flags yesterday and exploded a bomb to mark the third anniversary of the massacre of about 300 imprisoned rebels.

Police ripped down red hammer-and-sickle flags after Sendero Luminoso (Shining Path) guerrillas hung them from lampposts, buildings and power lines throughout Lima.

New peace effort

MANAGUA, June 20, (Reuter): President Daniel Ortega said yesterday he had asked Cardinal Miguel Obando Y Bravo to mediate between Nicaragua and the United States to open the way for dialogue between the two bitterly opposed countries.

Obando Y Bravo, who has often been strongly critical of the leftist Sandinista government, said the church was ready to take any step it could to help bring peace to Nicaragua, racked by eight years of war against US-backed Contra rebels.

Vieira re-elected

BISSAU, Guinea-Bissau, June 20, (AP): Guinea-Bissau President Joao Bernardo Vieira won re-election as this West Africa nation's head of state, the No Pintcha newspaper reported today.

The country's National Assembly unanimously elected Vieira, last evening, said the state newspaper.

Verification before treaty

GENEVA, June 20, (AP): US President George Bush hopes a proposal introduced as the United States and Soviet Union opened arms reduction talks will speed work on a treaty, the chief US negotiator said today.

Bush proposed yesterday in Washington that the United States and Soviet Union begin testing verification procedures during, rather than at the end of, negotiations on cuts in long-range nuclear forces.

Such steps could involve trial inspections at each other's missile sites and establishment of technical groups to discuss equipment needed for verification measures.

US negotiators plan to suggest round-the-clock monitoring of some ballistic missile factories and on-site checks of missile warheads to start before any new agreement, according to a Washington official quoted today in the Washington Post. The proposal also was reported to include a ban on some missile flight tests.

At a news conference today, Richard Burt, chief US arms negotiator, said one aim was to build support for US Senate ratification of a future Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty.

Several superpower arms control treaties, including the 1979 SALT-2 pact on limiting

long-range nuclear arsenals, remained unratified because the Senate found the proposed verification plans too lax.

Reiterating the White House position, Burt said progress on verification would not be a precondition in the Start talks.

US arms negotiator Richard Burt defended his government's new approach and said he wanted to build on Moscow's new open attitude to verification.

Burt told a news conference that when talks with the Soviet Union resumed on Wednesday US negotiators would seek agreement on verifying arms cuts before completing a treaty.

Mitsotakis given 3 days to form govt

Leftists reject coalition offer

ATHENS, June 20, (Agencies): Conservative leader Constantine Mitsotakis was given three days today to form a new government, only hours after leftists rejected his coalition offer.

Mitsotakis' centre-right New Democracy Party defeated Premier Andreas Papandreou and his Panhellenic Socialist Movement (PASOK) in Sunday's national elections. But it failed to win a parliamentary majority enabling it to form a government.

Under the constitution the first party in the election is asked by the president to form a government within three days.

After receiving the exploratory mandate from President Christos Sartzetakis today, Mitsotakis refused to say what he planned to do following the leftists rejection of his coalition offer.

If he fails to form a government in three days, Sartzetakis will then ask PASOK, as the second party, and if there is still no government, then to the coalition of left and Progress, the third-highest vote getter to form a government.

If all three fail the president appoints a caretaker government to prepare for new elections.

PASOK has hinted it would seek to lead a leftist coalition if it was offered the exploratory mandate.

New Democracy received 44.37 per cent of Sunday's vote and 144 seats, seven short of a majority in the 300-member Parliament. PASOK received 39 per cent and 125 seats, and the coalition 13 percent and 29 seats.

Mitsotakis yesterday asked the coalition to join him in an interim government with a limited mandate confined to carrying out a "catharsis" or a clean-up of the scandals that have tainted the Papandreou government.

Mitsotakis said the partnership would last "only a few months," until those guilty of involvement in the scandals were punished, before the staging of new elections.

"I hope that all other parties will do all in their power to prevent the scandals from being written off," Mitsotakis said after his meeting with the president.

He pledged during the campaign he would "cleanse" the Greek political establishment and that no one, not even Papandreou, would be spared if there was evidence of involvement.

Failure to prosecute ministers and deputies accused of involvement in the scandals would be tantamount to "granting them amnesty and a stigma on Greek life," he told a news conference.

But the coalition, an alliance of the Communist and Greek left parties, rejected his proposal.

"The coalition has its own proposal and will fight for that proposal to be implemented. Until the coalition's proposal is judged, it will discuss nothing else," said Harilaos Florakis, the leader of the Moscow-oriented Greek Communist Party and president of the coalition.

He said the coalition wants to form a leftist government excluding people tainted by scandal and that it would consider forming a government with PASOK if Papandreou resigned as its leader.

Papandreou and senior members of his party have been accused of being involved in the \$200-million fraud, forgery and embezzlement scheme at the Bank of Crete. George Kotsopoulos, the fugitive owner of the bank, is detained in prison in the United States pending the hearing of an extradition request by the Greek government.

The Socialists have also been accused of widespread corruption and of involvement in a series of arms scandals.

Papandreou has rejected Kotsopoulos' charges that he and members of his socialist administration masterminded the looting of the bank.

The fact that they were being treated at three separate hospitals suggested that casualties could be high.

The cause of the fire was under investigation, MTI said.

Nearly 60,000 Soviet soldiers are stationed in Hungary. Some 10,000 of them are due to leave by 1991.

Speakers at last Friday's reburial of Imre Nagy, the Hungarian prime minister executed after the 1956 uprising was crushed by Soviet tanks, called for a complete withdrawal of Soviet forces from the country.

The agency gave no figure for the number of soldiers involved, saying only that many were injured.

Soviet soldiers injured

Fire at Army garrison

BUDAPEST, June 20, (Reuter): Many Soviet soldiers have been injured in a fire at a major Soviet Army garrison in central Hungary, the official news agency MTI reported today.

The injured soldiers were being treated at three hospitals after fire broke out early on Sunday in the living quarters of the garrison, headquarters of the Soviet southern Army group in Tab, central Hungary.

The agency gave no figure for the number of soldiers involved, saying only that many were injured.

More IRA attacks likely

DUBLIN, June 20, (Reuters): Election losses by the IRA's political wing on both sides of the Irish border could now be followed by a long, bloody summer of guerrilla attacks, Northern Ireland security forces fear.

After Sinn Fein's political reverses, security sources say they now expect a new wave of attacks on British troops in Northern Ireland and that a bomb blitz is planned for Belfast.

"Active service units" are primed for attacks on the British mainland and British Army bases in Europe, ideal targets for giving the Irish Republican Army international publicity for its guerrilla cause.

Sinn Fein, which advocates revolution with a ballot box in one hand and an armalite rifle in the other, received just 1.2 per cent of the vote in Ireland's general election. Its support also dropped in Northern Ireland's European Parliament vote.

Just one day after the European poll, IRA guerrillas broke into a British Army barracks in West Germany yesterday and set off a bomb before escaping. No one was injured.

It was the first IRA attack in Europe since last summer when four soldiers were killed and 40 injured in a string of bomb blasts in West Germany, Belgium and the Netherlands.

"August" marks the 20th anniversary of British troops being sent to Northern Ireland. More than 400 soldiers have died since then and the IRA will be keen to commemorate the anniversary with some spectacular attacks, the security sources said.

Northern Ireland police are keeping leading IRA activists under constant surveillance after their commanders met in a recent "war council" and decided to return to the offensive, the sources said.

Sinn Fein president Gerry Adams, pushing for electoral advances both Dublin and Belfast, had urged the IRA to be more careful after 29 civilians were killed by mistake in a string of booby-trapped bombs in the past 18 months.

Britain's Northern Ireland Minister Tom King was quick to highlight Sinn Fein's electoral reverses.

"I don't know of any other person in the world that would presume to justify even civil disobedience, let alone the appalling nature of the violent campaign of the IRA, on the minuscule, pathetic minority of votes that represent us," he told reporters.

With the elections now over, the "doves" in the Republican movement may well take a back seat to the "hawks" who argue that more guerrilla attacks are the best way of focussing world attention on their battle to oust Britain.

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Summing up a defeat

Polish Communist Party spokesman Jan Siszyga briefs reporters after the ruling party suffered humiliating defeats in parliamentary elections on June 4 and 18. (Reuters wirephoto)

Voters show true colours

Euro-parliament results

BRUSSELS, Belgium, June 20, (AP): The European elections have made for a redder and greener European Parliament, but also one in which extreme rightists increased their representation considerably.

Redder, because the Socialists gained 16 seats, bringing their total to 182 in the 518-seat assembly.

And greener because in most of the 12 European Economic Community nations, people voted for ecology-conscious parties giving them 37 seats, a rise of 17.

But the elections, which were held Thursday and Sunday in the 12 nations, also yielded 22 seats for the extreme right, including six newcomers from West Germany.

The extreme right held 16 seats in the outgoing assembly.

Voting was marked by a generally low turnout, indicating that the assembly is not in the forefront of many voters' minds.

EEC-wide, the abstention level was a record 41.5 per cent.

As in the last elections in 1984, Britons again were most interested. Only 37 per cent bothered to vote, election results showed.

In Belgium, Greece and Luxembourg voting is mandatory, and Italian law considers it a civic duty.

In these countries turnout ranged from 79 to 93 per cent. In the other countries, Ireland came out on top with a turnout of 68.3 per cent, but this might have been because the Irish were also voting in a general election.

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get a single seat because Britain's electoral system, unlike those elsewhere in the EEC, is not proportional, so smaller parties are at a disadvantage.

The seats gained for the socialist group by the Labour Party more than made up for losses in West Germany and Spain, which both dropped two seats, and in Greece and the Netherlands, which lost one each.

Meanwhile in Madrid, a fugitive Spanish tycoon who won two seats in the European Parliament after a campaign on the run from police secured his freedom today.

Jose Maria Ruiz-Mateos, head of the expropriated Industrial Holding Rumasa, was granted unconditional liberty after a Madrid court dropped an arrest warrant against him.

Kuwaiti co-operative movement celebrates silver jubilee

Safety valve for prices and quality

A QUARTER century has elapsed since the Kuwaiti co-operative movement started its activities. During the last twenty-five years the Kuwaiti movement has interacted successfully with its counterparts on Arab and international levels. The movement has gained the confidence of international experts and constitutes a prominent landmark in the Kuwaiti renaissance.

To highlight this issue, a local daily interviewed the chairman of Kuwaiti Agricultural Co-operative Societies Union Barrak Naser Al Noun and the chairman of the Consumers Co-operative Societies Union Ali Salem Abu Hadidah.

Noun said that Kuwait had played a prominent role in the field of co-operative movement. He clarified that Kuwait had participated effectively in the Arab Co-operative union and had contributed in setting up of the said union law and charter. Kuwait participated in several Arab conference and seminars which helped enrich the

Arab and local co-operative movement.

He added that Kuwait has hosted the Second Arab Co-operative Conference and the Seventh Congress of the Arab Co-operative Union in February, 1988 which was the most successful congress in the union's history.

Kuwait had also concluded several protocols with a number of Arab countries for boosting of the co-operative movement in sisterly states, the official said.

Husbandry

Relying to a question over the terms of reference of his union, Noun said that the union consisted of productive botanic and husbandry societies having the membership of a choice of farmers at Al Abdali and Al Wafra in addition to the poultry farms owners who had formed their own co-operative society.

He described his union as the cornerstone for the productive co-operative movement. The union

spares no efforts towards solving problems of farmers in addition to spreading co-operative awareness amongst farmers, the official said. The union played a significant role towards expanding the agricultural lands and providing necessary pens for sheep and reducing fodder prices.

In this context, the official suggested the forming of a joint committee with the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour and PAAET in order to encourage Kuwaitis to work in the co-operative sector.

He disclosed that there were 7,500 people working in the Kuwaiti Co-operative Sector with about 95 per cent expatriates. He described this percentage as irrational, hinting that opportunities must be given to Kuwaiti graduates to join the sector.

Marketing

Speaking of the co-operation between his union and the Co-operative Societies Union and the effect of such co-operation on the marketing process, Noun said that the co-operation had been recognised during the International Co-operative Con-

ference held in Vienna in 1966. Kuwait also was in dire need for such co-operation particularly towards the marketing of the agricultural products which became the prominent problem threatening Kuwaiti farmers.

Application of the necessary co-operation among the two national unions will overcome this problem, he said. On relations between the Kuwaiti co-operative movement and government apparatuses, the official said that the Kuwaiti co-operative movement is receiving great support from the government. The government had provided the movement with the necessary premises in addition to financial support.

Relying to a question over the appointment of some directors at the co-operative societies, the official said that this appointment will be acceptable provided that it should be justified. He hinted that there are some negative aspects at some co-operative societies which entail eventually the appointment of some directors by the gov-

ernment.

Meanwhile, Abu Hadidah, chairman of Consumers Co-operative Societies Union praised the Kuwaiti role in the Arab co-operative movement clarifying that the Kuwaiti efforts in this respect had helped promote the movement.

He added that the Kuwaiti Co-operative Law enacted in 1962, formed the basis of several Arab countries to derive their local co-operative laws. He clarified that his union had been established in 1971 which had been designed to co-ordinate among the interests of the country's co-operative societies.

Speaking of co-operative education, Hadidah said that this issue is the responsibility of Ministry of Education and the Higher Education Ministry represented by the PAEET and Kuwait University.

Meanwhile, the official said that the union was ready to accommodate all the Kuwaiti graduates in the field of consumer goods. He called on the minister of finance to review this issue for the sake of public interest.

ward to be general managers and we already have 39 co-operative societies with thirty-nine general managers and we cannot add any new general managers.

Speaking of the marketing of the Kuwait agricultural output, Hadidah said that co-operation in this respect held so far between his union and the farmers directly but not with the Agricultural Co-operative Union. He clarified that the price problem was impeding co-operation as the consumer co-operative societies were always striving to get the best prices. However, there is a study for governing co-operation between the two union which is to be finalised soon.

Hadidah praised the support extended by the government to his union, but he complained that the fees imposed by the State Domains Department on the union was high and this will be reflected on the prices of consumer goods. He called on the minister of finance to review this issue for the sake of public interest.

EEC-GCC co-operation important, says Wulffen

KUWAIT, June 20, (KUNA): Ambassador of Federal Republic of Germany to Kuwait Dr Bernd Wulffen has stressed the importance of co-operation between the European Economic Community, EEC, and the Gulf Co-operation Council states.

In a statement to KUNA today, Dr Wulffen asserted that his government was keen on keeping the European market open to foreign investment and to increasing trade exchange with the outer world.

He said the EEC's success greatly depends on its ability to maintain openness and interaction with international markets. The German diplomat noted

that the EEC group had signed in Luxembourg last year an agreement for economic, scientific and cultural co-operation with the GCC.

The two groups, he went on, will conclude another agreement later on, aimed at resolving commercial obstacles facing their bilateral co-operation.

Dr Wulffen added that an EEC technical committee will hold a meeting in Brussels this summer to try and formulate specific proposals on resolving problems regarding GCC states' petrochemical exports to European countries.

He said the EEC members are looking forward to having economic co-operation with the GCC states in line with the rules and

basis of the General Agreement on Trade and Tariff, GATT, and its stipulations regarding negotiations on goods.

The ambassador indicated that the GCC states were opposed to conducting talks on the basis of the GATT as they are not members to that agreement, excluding Kuwait.

Dr Wulffen gave prominence to investment incentives offered by his country citing the foreign investors' right to completely acquire ownership of German companies.

He mentioned as an example 'Phenning' Timber Company which was hundred per cent owned by Kuwaiti nationals, three years ago.

Premier's generous initiative to intifada

KUWAIT, June 20, (KUNA): HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah has donated the cost of the celebration to be held later today in Geneva to commemorate martyrs of the Palestinian intifada and to display solidarity with the Palestinian people. Minister of Social Affairs and Labour Sheikh Nasser Mohammed Al Ahmed said today.

He added that the ceremony, to be held on the sidelines of the current international labour conference, will take place at the end of an International Information Day organised by the Arab group attending the conference at the International Conference Palace in Geneva.

Sheikh Nasser said that Kuwait's permanent representative in Geneva and its representative at the European headquarters of the United Nations Dr Salem Jaber Al Ahmed had conveyed HH's decision to the Arab League Office and the International Labour Bureau.

Representatives of both welcomed the Crown Prince's generous initiative which reflects Kuwait's stable support to the Palestinian cause and mirrors the concern and follow-up of HH the Amir and HH the Crown Prince and Premier towards all what strengthens Arab endeavour, Sheikh Nasser underlined.

The minister noted that the event serves as a great opportunity to acquaint world representatives with developments in Palestine and the Palestinian people's position, currently engaged in a 20-month-old uprising in face of Israeli occupation authorities' inhuman practices.

Commercial seminar

PARIS, June 20, (KUNA): A seminar on means of promoting the commercial exchange between France and Kuwait is scheduled to be held here next September 21, the chairman of the Franco-Arab Chamber of Commerce, Michel Habib-Deloncle said here today.

Speaking to Kuwait News Agency, Habib-Deloncle said the seminar will be held in cooperation with the Kuwait Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and the two Kuwaiti banks operating in France, the Kuwait-French Bank and the National Bank of Kuwait.

The chairman said there is a need to encourage the dialogue between Kuwait and French enterprises which would be a continuation to a wider dialogue already existing between the two countries.

He added that this is the beginning of a tradition to hold such seminars alongside meetings of the Franco-Kuwaiti Joint Economic Commission which alternates annually between capitals of the two countries.

The date of the upcoming meetings of the Franco-Kuwaiti Joint Economic Commission has not yet been announced.

Corrigendum

THIS refers to "Faith and Fatwas" (AT, June 20): The paragraph "Donation is conditional; most people insist on donating to relatives; others want only Muslim patients," he said" should have read "said Al Hashem." Fuad Al Hashem of the Kuwait Organ Transplant Society was commenting on the difficulties of getting donors to register at his society. So far, 600 people have registered. Professor George Abouna, however, did not comment on the issue. (FA)



Foreign Ministry farewell

Kuwait's Ministry of Foreign Affairs hosted a farewell reception at a local hotel for the outgoing ambassadors of Bhutan, Sudan, India and Sri Lanka: Above (L-R): Ambassador Sangay Dorgi, Mohammad A. Abdullah, N.N. Jha, C.H. Mohammad and Kuwait's Foreign Ministry Undersecretary Sulaiman Majed Al Shaheen.

Jaber on official visit to Cairo

CAIRO, June 20, (KUNA):

Kuwaiti Information Minister Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al Hamad Al Sabah arrived here today on a three-day official visit at the invitation of his Egyptian counterpart Safwat Al Sharif.

On arrival, the Kuwaiti minister and accompanying delegation were received by Egyptian Information Minister Safwat Sharif, Kuwaiti Ambassador in Cairo Abdul Razzaq Al Kandari and embassy staff, in addition to senior Information Ministry officials.

The delegation comprises Board Chairman and Director and Director-General of Kuwait News Agency Hmoud Al Bargas, Information Ministry Assistant Undersecretary for External Information Rida Yousef Al Fili, Assistant Secretary for Broadcasting Affairs Dr Abdel Aziz Mohammed Al Mansoor, Assistant Undersecretary for Television Affairs Salem Al Fahd Al Ali and

a number of senior Information Ministry officials, journalists and writers.

Sheikh Jaber will discuss with senior Egyptian officials, Arab issues in the light of Casablanca and other Arab co-operation Council summit resolutions, an official at the Egyptian embassy said here yesterday.

The Information Commissioner Mahmoud Atteya told a local daily that the Kuwaiti information minister will confer with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, his Egyptian counterpart Safwat Al Sharif on promoting bilateral co-operation in fields of information, broadcasting and television.

Acquaintance

He expressed his hope that the visit, which is the first for the Kuwaiti minister after assuming his post, will be an opportunity to meet with chief editors of the major Egyptian newspapers and to be acquainted with the Egyp-

tian information endeavour.

Sheikh Jaber was quoted as saying his country supports reviving the ethical charter of Arab information work.

Sheikh Jaber said Kuwait was for the revival of the charter because it was the natural start to lay down a joint strategic information plan for the Arab world.

Rooted

Speaking on Kuwaiti-Egyptian relations, he described them as historical and deeply rooted.

He said relations between the two countries would continue to flourish as HH the Amir of Kuwait Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed Al Sabah and Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak were very keen on further cementing Kuwaiti-Egyptian relations.

Sheikh Jaber added that Kuwait would bring up a working paper on the utilisation of the Arab satellite to be discussed at the upcoming meeting of Arab Gulf Information Ministers.

Saudi importers unaware of contract legalities: study

A SAUDI study published by the Chamber of Commerce in Jeddah has revealed that a number of Saudi importers have never collected any information about exporters and that others are not fully aware of contracting legalities and don't have enough

technical expertise in recognising the quality and technical characteristics of goods, particularly information connected to machines and equipment.

The study pointed out that importers have limited knowledge on international purchase contracts and conditions imposed on international trade.

Importers may choose one of the fourteen contract types without really knowing the benefits or disadvantages they may encounter as a result of their choice.

Interest

It stated that letters of credit have become more common in international trade and that they have overwhelmed other means of payments like postponed payments and payments against credit insurance which are considered the higher in achieving importers' interests compared with the letters of credit method.

The study indicated problems faced by importers when receiving their goods as: delays in receiving their goods at the specified dates, delays in shipping, receiving less quantities of ordered goods, arrival of goods without any prior notice, arrival of goods that don't match contract conditions and letters of credit.

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Importers believe that letters of credit are more common in international trade and that they have overwhelmed other means of payments like postponed payments and payments against credit insurance which are considered the higher in achieving importers' interests compared with the letters of credit method.

But others said that importers lack of awareness and overconfidence in exporters have encouraged cheating.

The study revealed that only 18 per cent of Saudi importers may refuse to receive the unwanted goods and may present complaints to the Saudi Chamber of Commerce, the rest may accept the unwanted goods without being aware of the problems they may face.

The study urged importers to investigate about source reputation and financial position before signing contracts. It urged them to be more accurate in dealing with exporters.

Spaniard to walk until 2005

A 52-YEAR-OLD Spanish traveller, identified as Montiro Kalfatchi has so far walked 25,000 kilometres and claims that he will complete his journey around the world in 2005.

He said that this is the beginning of a tradition to hold such seminars alongside meetings of the Franco-Kuwaiti Joint Economic Commission which alternates annually between capitals of the two countries.

The date of the upcoming meetings of the Franco-Kuwaiti Joint Economic Commission has not yet been announced.

Police beat

Sentenced for narcotics indulgence

ONE person was sentenced to two years and another to 30 months rigorous imprisonment on charges of indulging in narcotics.

The criminal court who passed the verdict was told that one of the defendants was approached by an undercover agent for the purchase of narcotics. The agent handed over KD100 in marked bills and the suspect was apprehended.

A raid on the premises of the suspect resulted in the recovery of some heroin and narcotic pills. The suspect during interrogation said that he had obtained the contraband from the second accused.

A police search of the premises of the second accused also netted some contraband.

Pill traders arrested

SECURITY forces of the Criminal Investigation Department arrested five nurses and one first aid male attendant of the Ministry of Public Health on charges of trading in hallucination pills.

Close surveillance of the suspects by investigators convinced them that the accused were involved in trading in drugs and raided their residence. A total of 7,000 narcotic pills were seized in the raid.

Two nurses work in the Psychiatric Hospital and the other three in Ardhiya Health Centre.

The defendants and the contraband have been referred to investigation authorities.

Seven years for rape

KUWAIT'S Criminal Court has sentenced a man to seven years in jail with hard labour to be followed by deportation for raping the maid of his neighbour.

The court heard that the maid went to the defendant's house to return a water hose that her employer had earlier borrowed from him. The defendant grabbed her hand and forced her into the house to commit his crime.

The victim's employer rushed to her rescue as he heard her calling for help but it was too late and the incident was later reported to the local police station.

Plates off abandoned cars

HEADS of traffic divisions at the governorates have been directed to take off the number plate of any vehicle that has been found abandoned by owner.

The directive issued by the Director-General of the Traffic Department Brigadier Abdul Hameed Haji Abdurrahim states that notifications will be affixed on such vehicles calling for the owners to present themselves to the traffic division concerned to avoid further legal action being instituted.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Amiri audience

KUWAIT, June 20, (KUNA): His Highness the Amir Sheikh Saber Al Ahmed Al Sabah today received Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk Al Shara who is here to attend the 10th meeting of the Standing Commission for Afro-Arab Co-operation.

The meeting was attended by Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Saoud Mohammed Al Aswai.

Premier's audience

KUWAIT, June 20, (KUNA): His Highness the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah today received Secretary-General of Arab League Chadli Klibi, who is here to participate in the meetings of the Standing Commission for Afro-Arab Cooperation.

Planning meet

KUWAIT, June 20, (KUNA): His Highness the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah will preside over the second meeting of the Higher Planning Council tomorrow.

The council's Secretary-General Fuad Mulla Hussein said the council will review, among other issues, the report of the economic committee pertaining to draft of the state budget for fiscal year 1989-1990 and proposals and recommendations related to the study on Kuwait real estate market.

The role of co-operative societies movement in Kuwaiti's economy and means of boosting such a movement will figure high on the agenda along with other topics.

Boycott

KUWAIT, June 20, (KUNA): Israeli boycott bureau in Kuwait today blacklisted the Yugoslav trips Istra and Dalkacija.

The bureau also boycotted the ship Kestrel.

Conference

HE head of the Gulf Marketing Society, Abdul Menam Al Sheerwi announced that preparations are under way to hold the Second Gulf Marketing conference in Bahrain in December. The conference will shed light on Gulf marketing strategies in 90's.

The Gulf Marketing Society which is located in Bahrain will reprove two symposiums during the coming period. The first will deal with sales methods followed by Arab Gulf states and the second on modern technology applications in marketing.

Electronics prices

PRICES of electronic appliances witnessed a clear hike in the Bahraini market. A study conducted by the Bahraini Al Ayam newspaper stated that the increase of prices ranges between 15 and 25 per cent due to the recent in the price of foreign currencies.

It added that the local Bahraini market is still suffering from stagnation, despite the economic boost witnessed after the Iraq-Iran war.

The study also pointed out at the rise in the prices of electrical appliances has caused a drop in consumer purchase power. It added that the departure of foreign manpower from Bahrain has affected overall buying power.

Traffic decision

VEHICLES with less than nine passengers will not be permitted to drive inside Makkah and other holy shrines during the pilgrimage season, according to a decision issued by the Saudi Ministry of Interior.

The decision will be effective from 28 for vehicles exiting Saudi Arabia, but for incoming vehicles, the decision will come into force as of July 3.

The statement urged motorists park their vehicles in parking areas outside of Makkah and the other holy shrines. The decision to stay in effect until July 17.

New department

HE Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour has reportedly finalised preparations for setting up a new labour department in the Farwaniya governorate.

Well-informed sources have told Seyassat that major changes could be effected in the existing four other governorates in the capital, Ahmad, Jahra and awali.

WEATHER

DUST will continue with moderate to north-westerly wind.

State of sea: moderate to fresh. High water: 2.22 am, 12.00 noon. Low water: 7.00 am, 8.10 pm. Sunrise: 4.49 am. Sunset: 6.50 pm.

Maximum temperatures recorded:

Kuwait: 43°C 109°F

Faisalia: 41°C 106°F

Minimum temperatures recorded:

Kuwait: 28°C 82°F

Ahmadi: 31°C 88°F

Faisalia: 31°C 88°F

Maximum temperatures expected:

Kuwait: 42°C 108°F

Ahmadi: 39°C 102°F

Faisalia: 40°C 104°F

Minimum temperatures expected:

Kuwait: 14 per cent

Ahmadi: 26 per cent

Faisalia: 34 per cent

Kuwait steps up control on imported animals

No screwworm infection so far

By Jadranka Porter
Arab Times staff

KUWAIT has stepped up the control of imported animals in an effort to find out if they are infected by the American screwworm, a semi-tropical flesh-eating parasite which attacks mainly cattle but can also attack other mammals and man.

The measure was introduced after the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) last May alerted Kuwaiti authorities to the dangers of infection by the fly. The insect has been detected in Libya, and may spread to other parts of the Middle East. Other countries in the Middle

East, Africa and southern Europe were also asked by the FAO to add the pest to their active veterinary and medical surveillance and notify the organisation of their findings.

Until 1988 the fly was unknown outside North and South America. The Director of Animal Health Department in Kuwait, Dr Sultan Al Sultan, says he believes the infection was transferred to North Africa through cattle carrying the larvae.

Dr Kathryn Monk, a British entomologist residing in Kuwait, said the insect could also have travelled over the Atlantic by plane.

Sultan insisted that there was no cause for alarm as the fly has not been detected in the country and Kuwait does not import animals from the Americas.

Veterinarians at six Kuwait's quarantines are now examining animals for wounds where the female screwworm usually lays her eggs. None have been detected so far, Dr Sultan said.

Monk advised vigilance but also said that it was unlikely the fly would invade Kuwait because of the small number of cattle in the country and the harsh climate.

The chances of the screwworm attacking man are extremely remote, Monk stressed. The fly,

which feeds on dying tissue, can infect man in the nose but the scientist said this kind of attack will only occur if there is already some other primary infection of the nasal passages and is related to general health and hygiene.

However, she pointed out that the infection can result in economic losses if infected cattle are not treated. Damage from the infection in the US, where only cattle have been infected, is known to have reached \$120 million per year during the fly invasions, she said.

This prompted American authorities to mount a campaign to eradicate the fly. Chemical control is ineffective and the US killed off the fly population by using the sterile male technique. This means that cultured male flies are irradiated in a process which renders them sterile. They are then released into the wild population where they mate with female flies which produce sterile eggs.

The fly is still prevalent in Mexico and US authorities are monitoring the border areas for reinvansion.

Sultan said Kuwait does not have the facilities to eradicate the fly.

The screwworm, a name related to the fly's larvae which bores its way into the flesh, is a member of the same insect family as the blue bottle and blow flies.

Driving tests

No discrimination

THERE should be no discrimination based on nationality for drivers undertaking their driving tests, according to the director-general of the General Traffic Department Brigadier Abdul Hameed Al Hajji.

The official called on the staff supervising these driving tests to ensure that all bonafide people living in Kuwait who deserve to pass the driving test should be so certified.

Instructions

"There are about 125 nationalities living in Kuwait and we cannot subject them to driving tests according to regulations and procedures of their respective countries," Hajji said. He also stressed on the necessity of giving those who failed, more than one chance to try again.

A local daily reported that Hajji issued instructions to officers of driving test sections to unify appointments for the period between the first and second tests to provide learners sufficient time to get more training.

Hajji will pay a visit to the driving test section of the Hawalli Governorate at the 10th Ring Road on Thursday to inspect driving test procedures.

Waste in education process discussed

Inefficient production machine

ARAB educational systems are designed only to produce quantity of graduates and almost totally ignore quality. Ibrahim Al Shatti, director of the office of HH the Amir said and added that Kuwait is no different from the rest of the Arab world, simply because of its dependence upon teachers from the Arab countries.

Elucidating, he went on to say that education in the Arab world can best be described as "fighting for the eradication of illiteracy only and not with the aim of producing well qualified persons capable of playing an important role in the country's development process." Shatti was commenting at a top-level discussion organised by the Ministry of Planning to study several development issues.

Undersecretary of the Ministry of Planning, Dr Abdul Hadi Al Awadi, who is also the coordinator of the Five-Year Development Plan also speaking at the same meeting warned of the dangerous consequences of the continuity of the population imbalance between Kuwaitis and non-Kuwaitis.

The official said that: "Suffice it to say that Kuwaitis form only 28 per cent of the estimated 1.8 million people living in Kuwait." They also form meagre 14 per cent of the country's workforce, he added.

Process
But the case was different in the secondary stage. The percentages of both sections was only 15.4 per cent in the academic year 78/79, but it rose to more than the double in 87/88 to over 33.5 per cent. Ahmad said that one of the most important results of the study, is that squandering in the educational process in Kuwait has been constant throughout the years of the study, with slight variations from year to another. The percentage of failures and drop outs remained around 15-

16 per cent every year from the total number of Kuwaiti students in the government schools. This percentage amounts to about 23,294 Kuwaiti students in the previous academic year.

Talking about the reasons for squandering in the educational process in Kuwait, Ahmad said that the difficult syllabus and its unsuitability to the ages of students are primary reasons. He also blamed the examination system for being responsible for failures of students and their dropping out. He added that the strictness of schools administration and some teachers also force students to either fail or run away from classes. He also blamed the teaching methods, describing them as arcane.

Upgrading

Ahmad proposed the upgrading of the educational system by making it attractive to students and by diversifying its channels to suit students' abilities. He called for evaluating the teachers and training them. He also proposed carrying out a comprehensive field study to exactly determine the size of squandering in the educational process in Kuwait.

Commenting on the study, Director of the Farwaniya Educational Area Ibrahim Abu Al Khalil said that the percentage of failures and drop outs in the intermediate and primary stages are acceptable. But he pointed out that the study on drop out in the secondary stage ignored that most of these who drop out are girls for getting married. If girls are not counted, then the percentage would be acceptable, he said.

Peninsula Shield Force

Commander of Kuwait's land forces Col. Abdul Aziz Al Bargash is seen here wishing members of the 5th Armoured Infantry Brigade of the Kuwaiti armed forces prior to their departure yesterday for Saudi Arabia. The brigade will participate in the exercises of the GCC Peninsula Shield Force.

KNPC petrol stations now run privately

THE Kuwait National Petroleum Company (KNPC) has transferred the services of many of its workers at petrol stations to a local contracting company that is running these stations. This move follows the recent transfer of some of KNPC's petrol stations to the private sector to be run by local companies to develop services at these stations.

The contracting company covers overheads, wages and transportation of these workers.

An observer at a petrol station Ibrahim Rushdi has said that his petrol station is still subjected to administration of KNPC while workers belong to a private company. Most of the previous workers in the station are now jobless because the private company imported cheap manpower from outside Kuwait. He added that

BAHRAIN DIGEST

Mixed marriages the norm in Bahrain

THE concept of a mixed marriage is becoming increasingly common and acceptable, particularly in affluent societies of rich and developing nations of the world. In view of rapid development and economic prosperity in these areas over the past two decades there has been a dramatic change in people's lifestyle and social as well as cultural norms. With healthy employment prospects, less working hours, more leisure hours and more disposable income, the young generation, in particular, has more time and money to indulge in social or recreational activities. The young man finds himself leading an increasingly cosmopolitan and flexible lifestyle with a variety of options to spend his free time. Indeed the world is becoming smaller as more people are able to travel frequently and economically to most parts of the globe thereby coming into contact with population of various nationalities and culture everywhere. Thanks to the flexibility of educational systems and foresight of governments, the youth in general worldwide have become broadminded and cosmopolitan in their approach and outlook to life without losing their roots and cultural identity.

Tradition

Today more and more young people are marrying partners of a foreign nationality. Mixed married couples, though a small segment in the population of the Gulf states, are increasing gradually. Bahrain is no exception. This tiny island nation enjoys the most cosmopolitan society in the region, without losing its national identity, thanks to centuries old tradition of foreigners coming and residing in this country. Therefore Bahrainis by nature and tradition have become more accustomed to working and living side by side with their foreign 'guests' than their other Gulf brothers.

The locals also have the reputation of extending genuine friendliness and hospitality to visitors, which is unique in the region.

In the modern era, particularly since the discovery of oil in the early thirties, Bahrain has been host to a plethora of foreign nationals ranging from the British, Indians, Pakistanis, Americans, Europeans, Africans, other Arabs and in recent years the Filipinos.

Bahrain has proved to be a classic example of a model society where people from all parts of the world have been successfully and harmoniously living and working together with the indigenous population.

A decade and a half back marriage by a Bahraini with a foreigner was a rare event. Today it is no longer so, except when it concerns a Bahraini woman marrying a foreign man. The bulk of mixed marriages among Bahrainis now concern Bahraini men and foreign women. This trend has been going on for a number of years. The numbers have also been on the increase with the rise of expatriate population during the same period.

Young, educated and well employed Bahraini males are exposed to other cultures from a fairly early age and seem particularly influenced by the Western culture. With improving economic conditions these men, who are professionals in most cases, tend to enjoy an affluent lifestyle with a strong sense of independence. An average Bahraini 'yuppie' adopts a lifestyle similar to that of his Western counterpart in terms of clothing, cars and choice of female companion. 'Dating' in the Western sense is not uncommon and frowned upon anymore. A Bahraini young man may be seen socialising with a foreign woman. Growing friendship can lead to permanent relationship and result in marriage.

Values

Generally, Bahraini families with strong traditional and conservative values give in their son's choice of a foreign bride, but not without some initial apprehension. Thanks to the broadmindedness of the middle-class families especially, opposition to such a pact is confined to a few cases. However, it is extremely rare for a Bahraini girl to marry a foreigner.

Bahrain's young population is increasing rapidly. At the current rate of growth about 70 per cent of the island's population are under 30. Young Bahraini males of 'marriageable age' represent about 40 per cent of the local population.

According to available 1986 statistics there were a total of 2,311 mixed marriages in Bahrain among locals. About 170 cases concerned marriage of Bahraini males with foreign women. There was not a single case of a Bahraini girl marrying a foreigner.

Fintas cars pilfered

By Nawaf Al Hamel

RESIDENTS of the West Fintas area woke up Sunday morning to find their valuables stolen from their cars which were parked in front of their houses. Over 20 cars were robbed in the area. The

AIDS baby tragedy

THE tragic story of the birth of a baby carrying the Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) virus contracted through his Egyptian mother, was disclosed by the Saudi newspaper "Al Sharq Al Awsat."

The mother was infected by her husband who was carrying the virus as a result of having sexual intercourse with some European females, the newspaper said.

Confession

Doctors conducted routine medical tests during the mother's pregnancy and discovered that she was infected with the AIDS virus. However, she refused to believe the accuracy of the analysis stating that she never had a blood transfusion all her life and called for fresh tests.

After she was confirmed as having been infected with AIDS, the woman said that her husband confessed that he had illegal sexual relations during his stay abroad.

Maternity doctor acquitted

By Sayed Othman

THE Criminal Court yesterday acquitted the doctor of the Maternity Hospital from the charge of amassing wealth through illegal means and released his accounts in the local banks. The court however refrained from issuing any sentence on the doctor concerning the second charge of accepting

Tuberculosis under control

TUBERCULOSIS in Kuwait is under control, according to the Head of the Chest Diseases Unit at the Chest Disease Hospital, Dr Ghaleb Al Ghayalim who was interviewed by a local daily.

Ghayalim said that in the past, tuberculosis treatment was mainly built on good eating, exposure to the sun and clean air. This treatment was the only way to get rid of tuberculosis until the

Special plant for Kaaba cloth

THE government of Saudi Arabia has established a special plant for manufacturing the cloth needed for the Kaaba according to specifications which amongst others stipulate that it should be of pure silk, of black colour with verses to be calligraphed manually, a local daily reported and added that the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques is devoting his personal attention to this aspect.

ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

LET me have my way exactly in everything, and you will find that a pleasanter creature does not exist— Thomas Carlyle, Scottish historian (1795-1881).

Libyan shadow looms over Chad

By Susan Linne

IN the 29 years it has been an independent country, Chad has lived under the shadow of war, internal division, poverty and Libya.

Following the end of a decade of factional fighting in July 1987, the Central African nation has begun to bind its wounds and return to the business of developing and administering one of the world's 10 poorest countries.

But the shadow of Libya, Chad's northern neighbour, lingers on like a giant question mark, making Chadian leaders wonder how long before their future can be separated from the plans of Libyan leader Col Muammar Khaddafi.

President Hissene Habre, in a June 7 speech marking the seventh anniversary of his triumph over rival Chadian forces in June 1982, said Libyan troops and Chadian dissidents were preparing to launch an attack from the east with the help of neighbouring Sudan.

Sudan immediately called the claim "baseless," and said it was meant to mask Chad's internal political problems. But Habre insisted the threat is real.

Information Minister Adoum Moussa Seif said in a recent interview that three former close Habre colleagues, who the government claimed were authors of a conspiracy unveiled in early April, actually were involved in smuggling large quantities of captured Libyan arms and ammunition into eastern Sudan.

He said the arms formed part of a large booty recovered when Chadian forces routed Libyan troops in the north in July 1987.

Hassan Djamous, armed forces chief at the time, Interior Minister Ibrahim Mahamat Ito and Habre's military adviser, Idriss Deby, all fled. Deby managed to make it to Libya and is reported to be in western Sudan with several thousand other Libyan-backed Chadian dissidents.

Moussa Seif said Djamous died in custody in N'Djamena after being shot while trying to escape security forces. He said Ito was in custody.

Last year, the Organisation of African Unity sought a reconciliation between Chad and Libya and subsequently arranged a ceasefire in September. Diplomatic relations were restored in October.

"Everyone else though Khaddafi had changed radically," said Moussa Seif, a former economy and commerce minister and comrade-in-arms of Habre during their days as Chadian rebels in Sudan. "But we (the government) never shared 100 per cent this point of view."

"Since the last OAU summit, we have always tried to discuss, but Khaddafi doesn't co-operate," he said.

Chad Foreign Minister Acheikh Ibn Oumar and his Libyan counterpart, Jadallah Azzuz Al-Talhi, met briefly on June 17 in Gabon to discuss the future of the 45,600-square-mile (114,000-square-kilometre) Aouzou strip between the two countries, occupied by Libya since 1973.

The meeting broke up after just 90 minutes with no indication of progress in settling the dispute.

Asked whether Chad intended to continue holding some 2,000 Libyan prisoners of war until Libya returns the Aouzou, Moussa Seif said prisoners are normally not exchanged until a peace treaty has been signed. None has been proposed by Libya.

But Moussa Seif denied reports that Chad was helping form dissident Libyans into guerrilla units for operations inside Libya.

US and French diplomats in Chad emphasise hopes for continued peace in the country twice the size of France with an estimated five million inhabitants. But they offer no assessment of the seriousness of the Libyan menace.

They also refrain from comment on the reported Chadian training of Libyan dissidents.

But they do stress Chad's strategic position in Africa's heart. Libya lies to the North, Zaire to the South, Nigeria to the West and Sudan to the East.

A US State Department publication on aid to Chad says 7,000 Libyan troops remain in the Aouzou strip and that Chad's resistance helps contain Libyan expansionist ambitions and influence.

Since Khaddafi came to power 20 years ago, Libya has been enmeshed in Chad's internal affairs, supporting a rainbow of anti-government factions and tendencies over the years, including Habre's own.

Following Habre's defeat by arch-rival Goukouni Oueddei in December 1980, Libyan troops occupied much of Chad. There was talk of a union between the two countries.

In November 1981, Khaddafi suddenly withdrew his troops. Without their backing, Goukouni lost to Habre's superior forces the following June.

Under US and OAU pressure, France sent a 3,000-man force into Chad in August 1983 after Libyan-backed forces attacked a series of northern outposts and bases.

Although the French troops were momentarily withdrawn in 1984 following Libyan assurances their forces would leave as well, a smaller French force of some 1,700 men soon returned to Chad, where the Libyans had remained all along.

French President Francois Mitterrand, who is scheduled to visit the former French colony later this year, has assured Habre the troops will stay as long as they need them.

The United States, which has backed Habre ever since Libya sent troops into Chad in 1980, furnishes military aid to the country's armed forces, formed from a jumble of half a dozen armed factions. Chadian military personnel also undergo training in the United States.

The State Department has requested 10 million dollars in military assistance for Chad for 1990. The French do not disclose how much they supply.

Goukouni, a native of the Bardai oasis region just south of the Aouzou who splits his time between Tripoli and Algiers, is one of the few remaining former factional leaders who has yet to declare peace with Habre and return to Chad.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1661 — Peace of Kardis is signed between Russia and Sweden ending Northern war, and Russia abandons all claims to Livonia.
 1793 — British under Lord Lake defeat Irish rebels at Vinegar Hill and enter Wexford, ending Irish rebellion.
 1813 — British under Duke of Wellington rout French completely at Vitoria, forcing Joseph Bonaparte to flee from Spain to France.
 1887 — Britain annexes Zululand, blocking Transvaal's attempts to gain access to coast.
 1915 — Boer forces under Christian De Wet surrender at Bloemfontein, South Africa.
 1919 — German fleet is scuttled in Scapa flow, Scotland.
 1945 — Japanese forces on Okinawa surrender to Americans in World War II.
 1960 — Britain, France, Netherlands and United States provide for a Caribbean organization for economic co-operation.
 1962 — United States expresses concern over Chinese concentrations on mainland opposite quiesco.
 1963 — France withdraws Atlantic naval forces from NATO.
 1965 — Houari Boumedienne tries to organize new government in Algeria after ousting and arresting President Ahmed Ben Bella.
 1970 — Indo-china war erupts on dozen fronts in heaviest fighting since Vietnam conflict spread to Cambodia in April.
 1971 — International Court of Justice in The Hague rules that South Africa's administration of territory of South-West Africa is illegal.
 1976 — Rioting breaks out in black townships around Pretoria in South Africa.
 1987 — International Energy Agency warns that world oil demand could exceed supply in 1990s.
 1988 — Ten people are reported killed and 31 wounded as Yasser Arafat's commandos and Syrian-backed Palestinian rivals clash over control of two refugee camps in Lebanon.

Camp Canada Palestinians stranded for 7 years

Egypt's forgotten refugees await repatriation

By William C. Mann

BARBED wire doesn't stop the smell of tear-gas or the sound of exploding houses — the smell and sound of the Israeli Army's attempts to crush the intifada.

As they listen, the boys of Camp Canada, Egyptian home of the Palestinians the world has forgotten, leave no doubt they support the Arab millions in the thick of the intifada. From their pro-uprising T-shirts to their anti-Israeli rhetoric, it is obvious they sympathize with the stone-throwing youth they are convinced will liberate their country, which many of them can hardly remember.

Their parents, who will remember Gaza, yearn for a homeland they can gaze at but can no longer claim as theirs.

Home is Rafah, Gaza, 135 feet (40 meters) away across two chain-link fences and numerous concertina rolls of barbed wire.

Israeli soldiers fatally shot three young men there last Friday, among the latest of at least 408 Palestinian deaths during the 18-month-old intifada, the uprising against Israeli occupation in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The Egypt-Gaza border bisected Rafah under Egypt's peace treaty with Israel in 1982, and about 5,000 Palestinians were stranded in Egypt's only refugee camp. Many of the 560 families involved were split, but they were promised they would be with relatives in occupied Gaza within a month.

Since then, the main medium of contact has been the "shouting fence," the international divide across which people shout about the latest family news.

Neither Israeli nor Egyptian officials will talk about the seven-year embarrassment of Camp Canada, named for a Canadian peacekeeping unit that once quartered there. Israeli Foreign Ministry spokesman Alon Liel said "the issue is under various discussions." Egyptian officials won't even say that.

But residents say an 11-week process is scheduled to begin this week that, if completed, will return to Gaza 20 Camp Canada families, a total of 67 people, in the first organized repatriation programme.

On four successive days, five families are to enter the no-man's land between the Rafahs and meet with relatives and friends from the other side. Tentative plans call for the first two families to cross next Monday, with two to follow on each of the next nine Mondays.

Under a 1986 agreement, Egypt is to pay each family \$8,000 dollars compensation. Residents said — and sources in Cairo confirmed — that Israel backed out of its commitment to give each returning family land and housing materials valued at \$9,000.

Evidence of the mood in Camp Canada is that the 20 families agreed to Israel's conditions. They will live with relatives.

After seven years and many broken promises, Camp Canada is an unhappy place. It seethes with emotions, most of them unpleasant: anger, frustration, resentment, resignation.

Much of the resentment is toward the United States, which camp residents perceive largely as

siding with Israel to the detriment of people like them.

"The key to our problem is America. The Americans are the only ones who can solve it" said a camp official. "Why don't they do something to make it happen?"

Outside, a group of boys discovered their visitors were Americans. The mood changed quickly from pleasant conversation to bitter confrontation.

Perhaps the camp's one upbeat emotion is hope spawned by the intifada, the anti-Israeli uprising.

Every well-dressed Camp Canada teenager wears a pro-intifada T-shirt. Teen-age girls carry on key chains or wear as pendants inch-long rocks sculpted in the shape of Palestine-Israel. They say the rocks are carved by protesters in Israeli jails and smuggled out of Gaza.

"We're up, up, up," said a man in his mid-20s, sitting in his father's house with his 18-month-old daughter on his lap. "If these martyrs and their spilled blood don't succeed, then what the hell will?"

"This is a camp of hope," the man said. "We believe if they allow 20 families to go, all of us will go someday."

For many, however, the hope is tempered with scepticism.

"We've been told we were going, then no," said a teacher at the Camp Canada School. "I will believe they're going when they're there."

Like most everybody in Camp Canada, neither man wanted his name used to avoid ranking Egyptian security authorities. Residents say people who talked with the press in the past have been detained, and some foreign reporters have been harassed.

The Palestinians' hosts have complicated their lives in other ways. One involves the Palestine Liberation Organization, which Egypt publicly considers the only voice of the Palestinians.

The PLO financed Camp Canada's school, but residents say the authorities delayed its construction through drawn-out negotiations. They also refused to allow the PLO to collect garbage in the camp, and residents say Egyptian collections stopped weeks ago, resulting in garbage piles fouling many streets.

The PLO's only presence remains the school, but since the intifada, support for the PLO has been more open, especially among the young.

As Palestinians, camp residents are foreigners forbidden from government jobs in Egypt's heavily government-dominated economy. Many have not worked for seven years. Others are underemployed or work on day jobs outside the camp.

"I'm an engineer, but I'm working as a carpenter," said Mustafa Kamel Eid Hawy, who was married in 1984 and now has two sons and a pregnant wife. "But I have to work, because I have a family. It's the uncertainty that is so very sad."

And frustrating.

Carpenter Gamil Mohammed, who runs a kiosk with a Palestinian flag fluttering above, talked of smelling the tear-gas used against his compatriots across the no-man's land and of hearing the "boom" of houses being destroyed.

"They hope to go to another place. Home." (Egypt — AP)



Family ties have remained strong among Palestinian refugees as they await a solution to their problems.

Free-market ideas losing appeal

Shift to the left in Euro pols

By Simon Alterman

A SHIFT to leftist and ecologist parties in the European elections suggests the free-market philosophy which has dominated the European Economic Community's drive towards 1992 may be losing its allure.

Results of the polling last Thursday and on Sunday point to doubt among voters about the social, economic and environmental consequences of tearing down remaining barriers between the 12 EEC states over the next three years.

And a spectacular setback for Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher could undermine her so-far successful campaign to create an open and deregulated single European market in the image of her social and economic reforms in Britain.

The basic thrust behind the single market was (economically) neo-liberal and deregulatory. It was made for Mrs Thatcher. These elections are a setback for the cause of ultra-liberalism," said one EEC ambassador.

European Economic Commission President Jacques Delors, a French Socialist and the butt of Thatcher's tirades against a powerful super-state controlled by Brussels, said the results reflected a wider political trend.

"At the start of the 1970s, after 20 years of almost total triumph for social democracy, the neo-liberal (economic) movement emerged...now there is a sort of 'backfire' and the balance is being redressed," he said.

The political consequences of the election results could be felt as early as next week at the EEC summit in Madrid.

EEC leaders may privately question Thatcher's political authority at the meeting, at which she is expected to repeat Britain's opposition to European monetary union and an EEC charter to protect workers' rights.

"The elections have undermined her position in Madrid," one diplomat said. But the

long-term effects will be more complex."

"The new European Parliament, buoyed by the success of the outgoing assembly in forcing tougher pollution control standards for small cars on reluctant ministers, will certainly keep up the pressure on the environment and social policy."

The election outcome could also reinforce the protectionist tendency in the parliament, which has only limited power over EEC decisions but is learning to use its voice more effectively.

The last assembly took tough line over access to the single market for foreign banks and helped stall legislation on cross-border television broadcasts with a highly-publicised campaign for quotas against US-made programmes.

The warning signal sent by voters in France, where fewer than half of those eligible actually voted and many cast a protest ballot, could also increase pressure for action to protect people from the harshest social consequences of 1992.

"The French are going through a phase where the internal market is starting to upset them," the EEC ambassador said, pointing to France's closed financial services market and protected motor-manufacturing industry.

That may be unsettling for the EEC's trading partners since France takes over the bloc's presidency for six months from July 1 and will be determining the priorities for the decision-making Council of Ministers. (Reuters — Brussels)

Bourgeois' pursuits linger in Beijing

FROM short skirts and lipstick to irreverent rock music in dubious bars, Beijing's street life oozes "bourgeois" exotica that have so far escaped a nation-wide campaign against Western ideas.

For the past two weeks China's leaders have rallied against "bourgeois liberalism" — an umbrella term frequently used in the past to condemn a multitude of capitalist sins, most often democracy.

Last week senior leader Deng Xiaoping was quoted in the official media as declaring a new "struggle" against "elements" who want to subvert "the motherland into a totally Westernised bourgeois

But ordinary people on the streets of the capital revelling in Western-style bars, paying a relative fortune for Western beauty treatments, listening to rock music or sporting the latest fashions expressed different opinions.

"If this is bourgeois liberalism, then the more we get of this the better," joked one young man standing near the flashing neon sign of one of Beijing's trendy new bars.

Inside the cubicles, low-lit bar, British rock music blared from a speaker as two Western businessmen held monosyllabic conversations with a couple of local hostesses.

A 21-year-old waitress said she planned to use her earnings to go to Australia where she hoped to find a husband.

"Do you think foreigners would find me pretty?" she asked, adding that she was thinking of having an eye-enlarging operation now quite common as a beauty treatment in Beijing.

"Chinese faces are finer than foreigners' but foreigners have better eyes," she added.

Some glorification of Western popular culture is unqualified.

The words of a song about separated friends, one abroad and one left behind in China, articulate widely-held beliefs.

"You make your big business abroad, while I get by with oil, salt, soy sauce, vinegar and firewood."

"You feast on treasures from the mountains and delicacies of the sea, while I eat little onions and beans."

"You live in a foreign apartment and find a foreign guy, while I stay at home and fend for my old other half."

"Your brain will soon get really sharp, while I slowly turn into a dunce."

It remains to be seen how long China's leaders can tolerate such open admiration for "bourgeois" values but, for the moment, the onslaught appears to be mainly directed against students and others who have called for more democracy.

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Gulf oil supply high in June

ABUDHABI, June 20, (Reuter): Gulf oil states kept output high in June and 10 days before a new OPEC pact comes into force regional oil analysts say.

Analysts said oil prices would plummet in the next three months if high OPEC output was maintained.

Kuwait officials said today they have already started to lower output and that it will not exceed 1.35 million barrels per day (BPD) in July.

Kuwait has rejected its quota of 1,093 million BPD for the second half of this year, fixed this month at a meeting of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

Analysts said Kuwait's domestic and European refining system absorbs almost one million BPD and that it has contracted to sell 100,000 BPD to Japan.

"This leaves Kuwait with only 250,000 BPD to sell to (other) Western countries, which is nothing by Kuwaiti standards," one analyst said.

Industry sources said none of the other Gulf OPEC members — Saudi Arabia, Iran, Iraq, the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Qatar — seemed to have lowered their output in June either.

"One (output) seems to be just 1.6 May, if not higher," a Gulf oil industry analyst said. "They (Gulf OPEC members) seem to be keeping the last month of the oil ceiling."

The six Gulf OPEC states make up two-thirds of the total OPEC output ceiling, which will rise to 19.5 million BPD in the second half of this year from 18.5 million in the first half.

In May, total OPEC output was estimated at 21 million BPD in a Reuter survey.

Bank chief resigns

BRASILIA, Brazil, June 20, (AP): Elmo Camoes, president of Brazil's Central Bank, has resigned following a major stock market scandal, a bank official said.

"The request was informal and Camoes will deliver an official letter of resignation today or tomorrow," the source said on condition of not being identified.

He said President Jose Sarney accepted Camoes' resignation but had not decided on a successor.

One cheque for \$8.8 million in local currency issued to a brokerage house was returned for lack of funds. Trading at Brazilian stock markets dropped sharply.

OPEC could boost output to 20m BPD

RENO, Nevada, June 20, (OPECNA): OPEC secretary-general Dr Subroto said here yesterday that OPEC's oil production ceiling could be raised to 20 million BPD from October 1 "in the event of a higher level of oil demand."

He was confident that the "oil market will remain in fundamental balance in the third and fourth quarters," pointing out that the eight-member OPEC ministerial market monitoring committee, due to meet in September, was "empowered to review" the organisation's total output.

OPEC's current oil production ceiling for the second half of 1989 stands at 19.5 million BPD around a reference price of \$18 a barrel.

Addressing the US interstate oil compact commission on "OPEC and the future of oil," Subroto said the oil market of the 1990s would be "radically different" from that of the present decade as it was likely to be "tight". He warned that as "more accessible" oil was extracted, "we shall become increasingly dependent on the less easily accessible sources of oil supply."

He spoke of a "collective vision" of the oil market which "allows for the co-ordination

of market stabilisation policies" between OPEC and independent producers. He also highlighted the benefits to be gained by the consumer from a stable international oil market, pointing out that "predictable" oil flows would remove the feeling of "insecurity" in making investment decisions.

The need for producers and consumers to co-operate "goes beyond the requirement of harmony," he said, because basically it was in the self-interest of all concerned to work for a stable oil market.

OPEC had always striven to establish an "equitable level of oil prices, aimed at compensating for both the continual fall in real oil prices and the drop in the purchasing power of a barrel of oil, as well as for our worsening oil terms of trade."

Subroto was critical of the "restrictive practices and discriminatory policies" of national and international consumer groups, something which could only "run counter" to OPEC's market stabilisation policies.

"The eventual acceptance by such groups as the European Economic Community that all producers and consumers

are responsible partners in the international oil market would mean that they could relax their restrictive measures on OPEC oil and concentrate on energy planning, and thus contribute to the quest for global stability."

The outcome of OPEC's "market behaviour" and the future of oil would depend on "many variables," some internal, others external, with the organisation having "no control, whatsoever," over the latter.

World economic performance, non-oil energy prices, world oil demand growth and the success or failure of oil exploration efforts in non-OPEC areas were other factors that could influence the future oil market.

The OPEC secretary-general was confident that in the 1990s, the world energy mix would evolve in an "orderly manner," adding that the "anticipated balance" was "easily compatible" with OPEC's sustainable oil production capacity.

The projected increase in OPEC's world oil market share would lead to the "restoration of the influence, which is our due" on account of the size of member countries' reserves. OPEC would use its market

influence to maintain supply in consonance with developments in world oil requirements, keep prices stable within an equitable range and keep up an "orderly transition" in world energy markets.

"In other words, we shall strive to restore stability to the oil market and defend a responsible order in market fundamentals ... a higher market share for OPEC will help create a positive oil market environment in which our large reserves will continue to be needed by all oil consumers well into the next century."

While OPEC had nothing "in principle" against free markets in the "sense of a competitive market regime," it was convinced that as a strategic commodity, the security of oil supply and demand would be assured under a situation of "market management," something that "precludes an artificial limitation to supply and demand."

He said that if the term "market management" did not sound acceptable, it could be substituted with the word "co-operation." OPEC did not have a "trade dispute" in mind, nor was it suggesting the allocation of oil on the "basis of any criteria other than prices."

BA, KLM to take stakes

Sabena forges alliance

BRUSSELS, June 20, (Reuter): Belgian carrier Sabena today unveiled a pioneering alliance with British Airways and KLM of the Netherlands, crowning a three-year search for a partner to help it confront mounting competition in Europe.

Shares analysts called the deal the broadest cross-border partnership reached by national European airlines, adding it could dramatically affect the European industry as a whole.

Sabena chairman Carlos van Raelghem said BA and KLM Royal Dutch Airlines would buy a 20 per cent stake each in a new subsidiary grouping his firm's air transport business after a capital increase. It will be called Sabena World Airlines.

He gave no financial details of the deal, but said Sabena would hold the remaining 60 per cent but that Luxembourg's Luxair may also join the deal.

"To this effect Sabena will take the fullest advantage of the liberalisation of the scheduled airline industry," Van Raelghem told a news conference.

Partnership

One analyst, who declined to be named, said the partnership would create a formidable force in the European Economic Community airline industry which competitors could not ignore.

"This could start a series of structural changes for European airlines," the Brussels-based industry analyst said.

"It will increase the urgency of other medium-sized airlines to get partners and it will cause big carriers to reassess their competitive positions on the European continent," he added.

Sabena, which ranked 15th among West European airlines in 1987 on a basis of passengers carried world-wide, has been looking for a foreign alliance for at least three years.

The EEC, working towards an open air transport market within the 12-nation bloc after 1992, adopted limited measures to deregulate the government-controlled industry in 1987. The EEC executive commission will next month unveil its proposals for a sweeping new round of liberalisation.

Van Raelghem said the deal would supply Sabena with fresh capital, help it expand its network, and develop Brussels as a major continental hub.

He said the agreement would also involve so-called block space agreements — whereby one airline helps sell space on another airline's flight — and code-sharing — which consists of grouping flights of different airlines as one.

BA and KLM meanwhile would gain increased access to Brussels airport, which unlike Britain's strained Heathrow, could double the traffic it handles given appropriate investment.

Van Raelghem said the European Commission, which will have yet the plan to ensure it does not violate EEC competition rules, would also be notified.

The link-up must also be ratified by the three airline boards and the Belgian Parliament but Van Raelghem expected Sabena World Airlines to start operating in January.

Saudi Arabian trade surplus drops

Petrochemical exports double

NICOSIA, June 20, (Reuter): Saudi Arabia's trade surplus fell in 1988 but petrochemical exports more than doubled, official figures showed today.

A study by the Ministry of Finance, carried by the Saudi Press Agency and received in Nicosia, put the kingdom's trade surplus, excluding re-exported goods, at 7.31 billion riyals (\$1.95 billion) in 1988.

The previous year, Riyadh achieved a huge rise in its trade surplus of 9.29 billion riyals (\$2.48 billion) from a modest 1.36 billion (\$360 million) in 1986 when oil prices tumbled.

Prices crashed again in 1988 and briefly fell below \$10 a barrel

in the second half but crude values have picked up since and the Gulf's Dubai benchmark is currently selling at \$14.65 a barrel.

The study said Riyadh's "plastics and chemicals" exports surged by 68.6 per cent to a record 1.01 billion riyals (\$269 million) while some goods were re-exported for 23.92 billion riyals (\$5.38 billion), a 112 per cent rise from 1987.

Exports of national products rose by 5.1 per cent in 1988 to 88.89 billion riyals (\$23.69 billion) while imports also increased by 8.3 per cent to 81.58 billion riyals (\$21.75 billion), the study said.

Investment inflow totals \$232m

THE Director-General of Kuwait-based Inter-Arab Investment Guarantee Corporation, Mamoun Ibrahim, was quoted as saying that the inter-Arab investment inflow amounted to about \$232 million during 1988 compared to \$227 million in 1987.

In an interview with a local daily, Ibrahim said that these figures were derived from the records of the Arab countries concerned.

He clarified that the financial and banking sector had enjoyed the lions share of Arab investments, which amounted to \$92 million, viz about 39.56 per cent of the inter-Arab investments.

He added that the industrial

sector was next with \$62 million viz 26.66 of the investment volume, while the commerce and contracting sector occupied the third position with \$31.7 millions i.e. 13.64 per cent followed by the touristic, agriculture, livestock and fisheries sectors respectively.

Speaking of the investment sources, the official said that Saudi Arabia constituted the major investor whereas its investments amounted to about \$46 million distributed on eight Arab countries including UAE, Bahrain, Qatar, Kuwait, Lebanon, Egypt, Morocco and Tunisia.

Jordan was fourth with \$24.1 million distributed on eight Arab countries including Iraq, UAE, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Lebanon, Bahrain, Egypt and Morocco, the official was quoted as saying.

Additionally, \$93 million had been invested by several other Arab countries.

Meanwhile, the official disclosed that investments coming

from Libya occupied the second place with about \$38.1 million distributed on four Arab countries including Tunisia, Algeria, Egypt and Morocco, while the Kuwaiti investment in the Arab countries was third with \$31.3 million distributed on eight Arab countries including Saudi Arabia, UAE, Bahrain, Qatar, Lebanon, Egypt, Tunisia and Morocco.

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The background factor checking the dollar's surge of recent weeks was a series of violent swings on currency markets last Thursday when the dollar was knocked from 2-1/2 year highs by profit-taking and heavy central bank intervention.

Until then, there had seemed no end to a surge in the dollar

which began in May and which has caused concern among Western governments worried that it would spread inflation and further distort world trade imbalances.

It opened in London under pressure at 1.9704 marks and 143.60 yen, dipped because of selling then stuttered higher through the day to a London close of 1.9775 and 144.15.

The pound's rally helped share prices because dealers believe it may make further interest rate rises to defend the currency unnecessary. The Financial Times 100-share index closed 10.1 points higher at 2164.8.

Gold closed at \$366.25 an ounce compared to yesterday's finish of \$366.75.

Industrial countries boost consumption

Investment soars

WASHINGTON, June 20, (AP): Americans, Japanese and West Europeans have been boosting both their consumption and their investment during the 1980s but developing countries have lagged in both, according to the latest figures from the World Bank.

The average Japanese, for example, used up \$5,269 worth of goods in 1980 and \$6,206 worth in 1987. The average for the 12 countries of the European Economic Community rose from \$6,127 to \$6,922. In the United States consumption rose to an average \$8,957 from \$7,609.

Investment rose too — that is, the building of new factories and machinery that create more production and jobs for the future. Americans on average invested the least of the three, and much of the money was borrowed abroad, but there was a rise from \$1,918 to \$2,373 per capita. The European rise was smaller, from \$2,338 to \$2,432. Japan's increase was greater: from \$2,994 to \$3,801.

The figures from the World Bank have just appeared in the 1988-1989 edition of its "World Tables," a 650-page volume that consists mostly of statistical lists. They cover subjects ranging from incomes to high school registration and life expectancy.

The book uses the value of the US dollar in 1980 as a measuring stick. The last results in the book are for 1987. The bank does not get the data independently, but takes figures supplied by the individual governments and then adapts them for its comparative tables.

Firm trend unclear

Dollar edges higher

LONDON, June 20, (Reuter): The dollar edged higher today but markets were wary after last week's plunge and uncertain about where the US currency is headed next.

It opened in London under pressure at 1.9704 marks and 143.60 yen, dipped because of selling then stuttered higher through the day to a London close of 1.9775 and 144.15.

"Nobody knows if the dollar's rise to around two marks (late last week) was justified or if it was just exaggerated," said one Frankfurt dealer.

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AIPPI agrees

THE International Association for the Protection of Industrial Property (AIPPI), a grouping of intellectual property organisations, has agreed to the principle of accepting Arab national organisations to its membership. The resolution is to take effect after completion of the formal procedures.

This came in a statement made by the chairman of the Arab Society for the Protection of Industrial Property (ASPIP) following his participation in the AIPPI's thirteenth annual meeting which was concluded recently in Amsterdam.

He said that this accomplishment came as a result of the continued efforts made by ASPIP during the last two years and added that all industrial property organisations that ASPIP helped to establish, namely ASPIP (Jordan), ASPIP (Egypt) and ASPIP (Lebanon) will be admitted as members of AIPPI upon the finalisation of the formal procedures.

Moreover, the resolution will enable other Arab countries to enjoy such membership upon establishment of their own national societies.

Talal Abu Ghazaleh declared that ASPIP will continue its efforts until the flags of Arab countries fly side by side with those of other member countries of AIPPI in order to establish a role for Arab organisations which matches its civilisation, history, potentials and ambitions.

It is worth mentioning that the Arab countries and Central Africa are the only areas in the world represented so far regionally, while other countries are represented by their own national associations.

Abu Ghazaleh expects that AIPPI's resolution will encourage Arab countries which do not have national societies yet, to do so to increase Arab representation in the AIPPI in order to support their efforts along with that of developing countries to gain better conditions for the transfer of technology.

ASPIP president noted the fact that the organisation has gained the observer status with World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO), a UN agency, in mid-1987 thus being the first Arab non-governmental organisation to gain such status.

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BASS	1005.0	1005.0	1005.0
BEAZER	193.0	193.0	193.0
BEECHAMS	639.0	639.0	639.0
BERKISFORD	157.0	157.0	157.0
BICC PLC	515.0	515.0	515.0
BLUE ARR	95.5	95.5	95.5
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BR GAS RG	188.0	188.0	188.0
BR LAND	356.0	356.0	356.0
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BR STEEL	78.2	78.2	78.2
BR TELCOM	272.0	272.0	272.0
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ROLLS ROY	196.0	196.0	196.0
BURMAN OL	593.0	593.0	593.0
BURTON	220.0	220.0	220.0
CABLE&WIR	485.0	485.0	485.0
CADBURY'S	356.0	356.0	356.0
CALOR GRP	393.0	393.0	393.0
CRUTN CON	827.0	827.0	827.0
COATS VIY	161.4	161.4	161.4
COOKSONS	29.67	29.67	29.67
COURTAULD	338.0	338.0	338.0
DALGETY	368.0	368.0	368.0
DIXONS	143.0	143.0	143.0
ENG CHINA	475.0	475.0	475.0
ENTER OIL	562.0	562.0	562.0
FKI BABCK	169.0	169.0	169.0
FERRANTI	98.0	98.0	98.0
FISONS	291.0	291.0	291.0
GATEWAY	222.0	222.0	222.0
GEN ACCID	936.4	936.4	936.4
GEN ELEC	249.0	249.0	249.0
GLAXO	339.0	339.0	339.0
GRANADA	342.0	342.0	342.0
GLOBE	177.4	177.4	177.4
GLYNMED	284.0	284.0	284.0
GUARD RYL	198.0	198.0	198.0
GUINNESS	504.0	504.0	504.0
HMMERS A	785.0	785.0	785.0
HANSON	203.4	203.4	203.4
HARRIS C	166.0	166.0	166.0
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A & FOODS	372.0	372.0	372.0
BAA	345.0	345.0	345.0
BTRX	379.0	379.0	379.0
BAT IND	657.0	657.0	657.0
BARCLAYS	455.0	455.0	455.0
BASS	1005.0	1005.0	1005.0
BEAZER	193.0	193.0	193.0
BEECHAMS	639.0	639.0	639.0
BERKISFORD	157.0	157.0	157.0
BICC PLC	515.0	515.0	515.0
BLUE ARR	95.5	95.5	95.5
BLUE CIRC	550.0	550.0	550.0
BOC GP	485.0	485.0	485.0
BOOTS CO	295.0	295.0	295.0
BPH IND	241.0	241.0	241.0
BR COMM	172.0	172.0	172.0
BR AIRWAY	199.8	199.8	199.8
BR AEROSP	682.0	682.0	682.0
BR GAS RG	188.0	188.0	188.0
BR LAND	356.0	356.0	356.0
B.P.	291.0	291.0	291.0
BR STEEL	78.2	78.2	78.2
BR TELCOM	272.0	272.0	272.0
BUNZL	134.0	134.0	134.0
ROLLS ROY	196.0	196.0	196.0
BURMAN OL	593.0	593.0	593.0
BURTON	220.0	220.0	220.0
CABLE&WIR	485.0	485.0	485.0
CADBURY'S	356.0	356.0	356.0
CALOR GRP	393.0	393.0	393.0
CRUTN CON	827.0	827.0	827.0
COATS VIY	161.4	161.4	161.4
COOKSONS	29.67	29.67	29.67
COURTAULD	338.0	338.0	338.0
DALGETY	368.0	368.0	368.0
DIXONS	143.0	143.0	143.0
ENG CHINA	475.0	475.0	475.0
ENTER OIL	562.0	562.0	562.0
FKI BABCK	169.0	169.0	169.0
FERRANTI	98.0	98.0	98.0
FISONS	291.0	291.0	291.0
GATEWAY	222.0	222.0	222.0
GEN ACCID	936.4	936.4	936.4
GEN ELEC	249.0	249.0	249.0
GLAXO	339.0	339.0	339.0
GRANADA	342.0	342.0	342.0
GLOBE	177.4	177.4	177.4
GLYNMED	284.0	284.0	284.0
GUARD RYL	198.0	198.0	198.0
GUINNESS	504.0	504.0	504.0
HMMERS A	785.0	785.0	785.0
HANSON	203.4	203.4	203.4
HARRIS C	166.0	166.0	166.0
HUKER SID	694.0	694.0	694.0
HILLSDOWN	268.0	268.0	268.0
WINPEY GE	264.0	264.0	264.0

World Indices

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-QR	PREV-YR
FT 30 ORD	1791.8	1780.7	1780.7	1455.3
FT 500 SHR	1226.97	1221.20	1182.7	1008.8
FT ALL SHR	1103.16	1103.16	1096.73	1076.15
FT GOV SEC	84.76	84.76	84.61	87.30
FT GOLD MN	183.80	183.80	182.40	191.2
FT MINES F	617.58	617.58	619.67	653.25
FT OIL	0	2066.0	2056.7	1978.9
FT WLD DLR	138.86	138.86	136.68	141.17
FT WLD STG	133.86	133.86	134.21	133.45
FT WLD LOC	134.99	134.74	134.50	129.77
				123.40

London Stock Market Report

U.K. STOCKS HOLD EARLY GAINS IN LATE TRADING				
LONDON, JUNE 20, REUTER - EQUITIES HELD EARLY GAINS IN LATE BUSINESS AS STERLING PUT IN A STEADIER PERFORMANCE BY SHOWING LITTLE REACTION TO THE LATEST U.K. BANK LENDING AND MONEY SUPPLY FIGURES.				
WALL STREET'S RELUCTANCE TO GIVE UP INITIAL MODEST GAINS ALSO UNDERPINNED SENTIMENT, DEALERS SAID.				
GATEWAY WAS UP HIGHER AT 223 IN THE WAKE OF A 225P PER SHARE AGREED BID FROM WASSERSTEIN AND A AND P OF THE U.S.				
AT 1527 GMT THE FTSE INDEX WAS 16.3 UP AT 2,171.0 AFTER TOUCHING A HIGH OF 2,173.7 ON TURNOVER OF 434.7 MIL SHARES.				
TODAY'S RELEASE OF U.K. DATA SHOWED A HIGHER THAN EXPECTED 6.7 BILLION STG RISE IN STERLING M4 BANK AND BUILDING SOCIETY LENDING - THE MARKET HAD BEEN LOOKING FOR A MEDIAN RISE OF 5.8 BILLION.				
ALTHOUGH THE FIGURE WAS DISAPPOINTING, MANY IN THE MARKET TOOK THE VIEW THAT THE MOST RECENT U.K. INTEREST RATE HIKES HAD YET TO MAKE A FULL IMPACT ON SPENDING HABITS. BUT THE TRUE EFFECT WOULD SURFACE SOON.				

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

International Bond Highlights

LONDON: Euro Credit Card Trust-1 is issuing a 300 mln dlr Eurobond due July 15, 1994 paying 9-1/4 pct priced at 101-1/8 pct, lead manager Citicorp Investment Bank Ltd said. It said this is the first Eurobond to be backed by Credit Card receivables.

London: Banque Nationale de Paris is issuing a 75 mln stg Eurobond due July 10, 1992, paying 12-3/8 pct and priced at 101.30. Joint lead manager Barclays de Zoete Wedd Ltd said, BNP itself is the other joint lead manager.

London: The Northern Rock Building Society is issuing a 75 mln stg floating rate note due July, 1992 paying 1/16 point over the three month libor and priced at par, lead manager UBS-Philips and Drew said.

London: Swedbank is issuing a 100 mln dlr Eurobond due July 19, 1999 paying 9.70 pct and priced at 101-7/8 pct, lead manager Salomon Brothers International said.

London: The US student Loan marketing Association-SALLIEMAE is issuing a 100 mln dlr Eurobond due July 20, 1993 paying nine pct and priced at 101-3/8 pct, lead manager Fuji International Finance Ltd said.

London: NYK INTERNATIONAL PLC, a unit of Japanese Shipping Company Nippon Yusen KK, is issuing a 100 mln dlr Eurobond due Jul 18, 1994 paying 9-1/2 pct and priced at 101-7/8 pct, lead manager Mitsubishi Finance International Ltd.

BOMBAY

	PR.CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDIA	87	87	88	MUK IRON	122	123	123
ACC	314.50	315.50	315.50	GNFC	39.50	39	39.25	NAT INDEX	380.79	383.28	
ALEM CHEN	--	--	--	GRASIM	115	115	115	NIPPON	37	36	36
ALM NIS	--	--	--	GSPC	153.75	155	155	NCICL	965	965	962.50
ARI FAB	--	--	--	GUJ ALKL	68.50	68	68	OKRAY	20	19.25	19.25
ASHOK LEY	69	68	69	GUJ HEAVY	11	10	10	OSHAL AGRO	70	69	70
ASTA PAINT	90	190	195	HERO HONDA	22.50	21.50	22.50	PEICO	19	18	19
ATLAS COP	42	40	42	HIND CIBA	950	940	940	PFIFFER	66	65	67
AUTO CORP	72	72	73.50	HIND COCOA	108.75	108.50	108.50	PONDS	203	205	197.50
BAJAJ AUTO	375	375	376.25	HIND LEVER	91	90.50	90.50	PREM AUTO	52	52	52
BAR PAYON	480	480	482.50	HIND MOTOR	38.50	39	38.75	RANSAKHY	105	97.50	97.50
BX BOND	148	147	148	HINDALCO	292.50	288.75	290	RAY WOOL	79	79	80
BLOH PLAST	--	--	--	HOECHST	750	745	740	RECKITT	208.75	205	207.50
BOM DYE	133	134	133	IND ORG	37	34	36	RELIANCE	125	124	123
BSE INDEX	750.02	732.08	732.08	IND RAYON	81.50	81.50	81.50	SESA GOA	42.50	42	42.50
BURK MEL	790	182.50	185	INDROL	307.50	308.75	307.50	SIRI FIR	86	86	86
CANSHARE	185	--	--	INGERSOLL	405	400	405	SIEMENS	72	70	72
CEM ENKA	2620	2620	2620	ITC	117	115	115	SKF	1350	1330	1310
CEM SPG	1890	1895	1895	JK SYN	75	74	75	SPIC	55	55.25	55
COLGATE	330	330	326.25	KIN ENGG	186.25	183	185	ST MILLS	270	272.50	280
CRONT GR	1200	1150	1200	KIR CUMM	73.75	75	75	TAI CHEN	119.50	119	119.5
DCM	11	10.50	11.50	KSB PUMPS	405	400	405	TATA OIL	60	57	58.75
DEEP FERT	33.50	34.50	35.50	L AND T	84.50	84	84	TATA POM	325	320	320
DUNLOP	76	76	78	LIPTON	71	72	73	TELCO	823.50	830	847.5
EI HOTELS	56	56	56.50	MAC RUSSEL	102.50	100	103.50	THAPP AGRO	--	--	--
ESKAYE	127.50	128.75	131.25	MANDIRNA	96	95.50	97	VAN ORG	164	163	164
ESSAR SPG	22	22	22	MAS SHARE	18.50	18.25	18.35	VARELI	25	25.75	25.75
FOOD SPL	177.50	178.75	177.50	MICO	640	650	640	VOLTAS	810	785	810
FORBES	50	49	51	MILKFOOD	220	207.50	217.50	WINCO	20	20.25	20
GAR POLY	69	69	69	HODI	85	82.50	85	ZENITH	56	56	57
GE SHIPPING	40	40	40.25	HRF LTD	385	375	380	ZUARI AGRO	75	72.50	75

FRANKFURT

STOCK	LAST PR-CLOSE
AGF	212.0
ALLIANZ VR	1868.00
BAEWEWERK	234.0
BAF	314.8
BAYER	312.8
BAYER HYP	390.0
BAYER VER	388.0
BBC	440.0
BHF	463.0
BMW	564.0
COMMERZBK	251.0
CONTI GMM	301.5
DAWNER BEN	701.0
DEUTSC BNK	574.0
DLM	549.0
DRESORER B	329.0
DT BABCOCK	199.5
FAZ INDEX	617.18
FELDMUTH	375.0
Goldschmidt	412.50
HARPER	455.0
HOECHST AG	301.5
KALI SALZ	228.5
KARSTADT	559.0
KAUHFOP	525.0
KLOECK H	191.5
LINDE	736.0
LUFTHANSA	186.5
MARSDEN	327.5
MANNESMAN	259.0
MERCEDES	557.0
METALLGES	470.0
MINDORF PF	319.0
NOKSY HYD	44.00
PHILLIP KDN	567.0
PORSCHE	796.0
PREUSSAG	313.5
PWA	311.5
RHEINMETAL	394.0
RME	316.0
RPE	279.0
RELANDER	350.0
SCHERING	663.5
SEL	306.0
SIEMENS	577.0
THYSSEN	259.0
VARTA	358.0
VEBA	316.5
VEW	191.7
VOLKSWAGEN	424.0

TOKYO

STOCK	LAST PR-CLSE	MITSUB CP	1400	1360
AIJINOMOTO	2600	2670	NI/SUB EST	2250
AKAI ELEC	818	781	MITSUB RVY	1180
AKOI	1520	1310	MITSU CO	1010
ASAHI GLS	2400	2410	MITSUKOSHI	2150
ASAHI OPT	918	912	MITSUMI EL	990
BANK TOKYO	1650	1640	NICHICON	1850
BRIDGESTON	1660	1650	NIKKO CMNT	1130
CANON	1960	1990	NIKKO SEC	1700
CASIO COMP	1430	1420	NIP ELECT	1950
CHUGAI PHN	1690	1680	NIP KOKKAN	806
CITIZEN W	1170	1120	NIP OIL	1370
D-ICHI KAN	3220	3210	NIP STEEL	824
DAI NIP K	879	871	NIP YUSEN	970
DAI NIP PT	2240	2250	NIS MOTOR	1590
DAI NIP SC	1330	1320	NONURA SEC	3100
DAI NIP TO	912	908	OBRA CO	1400
DAIEL	1130	1130	OLYMPUS	1550
DAITAI SEC	1970	1940	PENTA DEN	1350
DAITAI SEC	2100	2100	PIONEER	3760
DAITAI SEC	2100	2100	RENOMEX	1070
ETSAI	1940	1920	RICOH	1310
FUJITSU	1560	1540	SANYO	2390
FUJI BANK	3360	3360	SANYO ELEC	930
FUJI PHOTO	4220	4130	SEIYU ST	2160
FUJISAMA	1710	1710	SEKISUI PB	1950
FUJITSU CP	1750	1710	SHARP	1500
HITACHI	1610	1620	SHISEIDO	1700
HONDA MOT	1970	1960	SONY	7770
ISETAN	2470	2430	SUMITOMO	1200
ITO YOKADO	3580	3910	TAISEI	1550
JAI SYW RU	1180	1190	TAISHO MRN	1310
JAPAN AIR	16300	16200	TAKEDA CH	2320
JAPAN MET	1060	1050	TEIJIN	862
KAJIMA	1980	2000	TKO NEW IX	456.63
KANSAI EL	4440	4390	TKO MRN	1980
KAO SOAP	1650	1670	TOKYI ELEC	1230
KAWASAKI H	1090	1040	TOKYI GAS	1070
KAWASAKI S	915	900	TOKYO POWR	5720
KIRIN BREW	1840	1840	TOKYI IND	954

World Bank to ponder \$700m for China

WASHINGTON, June 20, (AP): Major governments that run the World Bank, led by the United States, must decide by the end of the month whether to approve \$700 million in easy loans they have been planning for China.

Pastor Sison, a spokesman for the bank, pointed out that June 30 marks the end of its fiscal year. Its lending programme calls for approval of nearly \$2 billion for China over the preceding 12 months, but 700 million has not yet been approved by the 23 members of the board of executive directors.

They represent the 151 member governments. The United States has the largest voting power, more than 18 per cent.

Bank officials won't say if China's repression of street demonstrators this month will play a role in whether the loan is granted. They say the bank is concerned

above all over whether anything that has happened would affect China's ability to handle its obligations to the bank.

World Bank member nations, however, are believed to be considering whether the granting of a fresh loan to China now would be interpreted as a vote of confidence for the Chinese leadership, with political overtones.

At the bank's headquarters in Washington, the last weeks of June see a rush of board action on loans to meet the schedule for the fiscal year. Sison said it would be hard to shift the 700 million planned for China to other borrowers.

"It depends on how far advanced the loans are," he said in an interview.

"Loans take a certain amount of preparation."

China was due to be the bank's third biggest borrower this year, after India and

Mexico. The bank, the largest source of aid to Third World countries, is planning to lend a total of \$20 to \$21 billion.

Immediately after Chinese troops resorted to gunfire to clear demonstrators from the Tiananmen Square area in Beijing on June 4, the World Bank immediately pulled out all but one of its eight permanent staffers in the Chinese capital.

The international staff in Washington — headed by president Barber Conable, an American — decided the following Thursday not to submit to the board a proposed long-term loan of \$60 million to help farming in China's Jiangxi province. Such loans carry interest at less than 1 per cent a year.

Sison said withholding the loan was Conable's decision. He added that the bank staff wanted time to see if there would be any interruption in China's carrying out

its agreements with the bank.

Sison reported that the Chinese government immediately promised that its obligations would continue to be fulfilled on schedule. Zhang Junyi, a Chinese, is one of the 22 board members stationed in Washington. Edwin Lim — a Filipino who heads the bank's mission in Beijing — has returned to his post, Sison said. Two bank officials from Washington have joined him for talks there.

Sison said that on June 13 the bank staff decided to hold back two more loans from the board: one for \$180 million to improve China's electricity supply, and one for \$50 million to help technical schools.

Atila Karasmanoglu, a Turk who is the bank's vice president for Asia, told reporters last week that talks were on in Beijing about resuming consideration of the loans.



Police officer charges miners

A paramilitary police officer on horseback charges miners in Brussels who were protesting over the early closure of the Belgium's last two coal mines. Police said 30 police and 10 miners were injured in the pitched battles which took place in Brussels. (Reuter wirephoto)

World Bank loans for India

WASHINGTON, June 20, (AP): The World Bank has approved \$610 million in new loans for India, including credits it said are intended to help "in developing an internationally competitive electronics industry," for that nation.

Three loans totalling \$210 million will finance part of a \$450-million project to upgrade 80 enterprises in India's electronics and software industry as well as 30 training centres.

Those centres are expected to train 4,000 workers each year for the electronics field, the World Bank said in a statement yesterday.

Investments in the project are expected to generate a total of about 12,000 jobs, the statement said.

Production of electronics products in India grew at an average annual rate of 22 percent between 1980 and 1987, reaching nearly \$4 billion in 1987, the World Bank statement said.

The three loans will go to the Industrial Bank of India, Industrial Credit and Investment Corp. of India Ltd and the Indian government.

The remainder of the financing will come from the Swiss Development Corp., the Japan Grant Facility and local sources, the announcement said.

A larger loan, for \$400 million, was announced by the World Bank to finance facilities aimed at helping overcome electric power shortages in western India, which includes Bombay.

The World Bank credit will be combined with \$944 million worth of other financing in a \$1.3-billion, seven-year project to expand operations of the Maharashtra State Electricity Board, the announcement said.

Included in the project are repairs for the Koyana Rover Dam, a 1,000-megawatt addition to the Koyana hydropower plant and expansion of the transmission and distribution system and stengthening of the electricity board's management-information system, the bank said.

The 20-year World Bank loans carry a variable interest rate, currently 7.65 per cent.

Foreign buyers turning to Korea from China

FOREIGN buyers, who have switched their import sources to China from Korea due to price increases of Korean products and the won's revaluation against the dollar, are moving to return to Korea because of the turmoil in China, the Korea Trade Promotion Corp. said.

According to its survey of foreign buyers' reactions to the Chinese situation, many foreign buyers are showing signs of seeking import sources again in Korea, especially in the fields of low priced light industry products, because of Chinese exporters' breach of contracts and failure to meet deadlines.

KOTRA conducted a survey of 223 foreign importing firms through its branch offices stationed in Asia, North America and Europe. By region, Japan expects that its trade with China would decrease about 20 per cent this year from the \$19.4 billion level a year ago, the KOTRA report said.

The Asian countries, including Japan and Hong Kong, are expected to take a "wait-and-see" attitude for the time being before shifting import sources from China.

However, if political unrest is expected to continue in China for the long run, Japan will consider buying import goods in Korea, KOTRA predicted.

Hong Kong which generally imports low-priced goods as clothes, footwear and toys, Hong Kong might look to Korea for imports, it added.

Oil giants unveil petrol price cuts

Wholesale prices set to fall further

LONDON, June 20, (Reuter): Britain's major oil companies have announced petrol price cuts in line with a trend towards lower pump prices in other West European countries.

British Petroleum Co. PLC and the British subsidiaries of Exxon Corp and Royal Dutch/Shell said late yesterday they were cutting the cost of leaded premium grade petrol.

The announcements followed last week's cut by Petrofina (UK) Ltd, which trimmed prices by six pence (9.3 cents) a gallon (4.5 litres), saying it wanted to pass on a fall in international oil prices to its customers.

Esso said it had reduced its price by between 2.5 pence (3.88 cents) and 6.5 pence (10.1 cents) over the past few days, while BP said it would reduce the wholesale price of its petrol by 3.1 pence (4.8 cents) a gallon from midnight today.

Shell is knocking 6.4 pence (9.9 cents) a gallon off its price from midnight tomorrow, a spokesman said.

"We hope there won't be further price cuts. The reduction reflects the movement in the open market and that could change at any time. The dollar-sterling-exchange rate also affects prices," he said.

Oil prices are quoted in dollars, and the US currency has risen sharply against sterling in recent weeks.

Wholesale petrol prices in northwestern Europe have tumbled in recent weeks and trade sources expect them to fall further.

Consumers have frequently

criticised British petrol companies for failing to pass on cheaper petrol prices to the motorist. Petrol companies are currently under investigation by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission watchdog after allegations that they were operating a price-fixing cartel.

Meanwhile, Gateway, Britain's third-largest supermarket chain, said today it had accepted a £2-billion-pound (\$3.1 billion) friendly takeover bid put together by a US investment bank.

Using a Wall Street-style "leveraged buyout," a partnership organised by Wasserstein Perella and Co. of New York outbid Isosceles PLC, a recently formed British investor group which still has a chance to improve its offer.

If successful, the Wasserstein Perella bid would be Europe's biggest leveraged buyout — a deal in which funds are raised to take over a company using that company's assets as collateral for the borrowing.

The bid was made through Newgateway, a company set up by Wasserstein Perella and West German-controlled US food retailing giant Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Co. (A and P) specifically to buy Gateway Corp PLC.

"The board of Gateway unanimously recommends the Newgateway offer," said a company statement.

Gateway's shares jumped 7-1/2 pence (11.5 cents) to \$2.22 (\$3.44) on London's Stock

Exchange after news that the bid had been accepted.

Newgateway's offer of £2.25 (\$3.50) a share compares with an Isosceles bid of £2.10 (\$3.25).

In a separate statement Isosceles, which also formed to bid for Gateway, said it had the right to revise its offer, which was made in April and closes on Thursday now that a competitive situation existed.

Share analysts were divided over whether Isosceles, which includes former Gateway managers, could come up with a higher leveraged bid. "The chances are they have very little ammunition left," one food analyst said.

But Sara Carter, food retailing shares analyst at Nomura Research, said: "Yes, I think there's a possibility they can come up with the money ... I don't think we should assume at this stage that Isosceles are pulling out."

Isosceles currently controls 26.7 per cent of Gateway.

Gateway, which owns 800 stores, said it had accepted the Newgateway offer because it was substantially higher and more solidly financed than the rival

It said the offer would bring proven retailing skills to Gateway and showed a commitment to the existing business.

Gateway, behind Britain's J. Sainsbury PLC and Tesco PLC in revenues, has tried to improve sales by expanding its floor space, freshening up old stores and opening larger outlets.

Demand for flights in Europe might triple by 2000

GENEVA, June 20, (AP): Airlines may have to triple the number of flights in Europe by the year 2000 if they are to keep up with the expected increase in passengers, the International Air Transport Association said yesterday.

Such an increase in capacity will only be possible if governments spend more money on expanding airports and runways and set up a Central European air traffic control system to tackle air congestion, said John Brindley, spokesman for the air industry lobby.

IATA had previously predicted the number of flights would have to double by the end of the century to meet anticipated demand.

The new estimate is based on reports from airlines and airports as part of an IATA-funded study into European air traffic congestion.

Brindley said in 1988 about 137 million people travelled on scheduled flights operated by the major European airlines. This did not include passengers on charter flights or on smaller airlines, he said.

The Geneva-based group representing most of the world's commercial airlines estimates that international air traffic currently totals about one billion per year.

US \$78m in arrears to FAO

ROME, June 20, (Reuter): The United States is \$78 million behind in contributions to the UN Food and Agricultural Organisation and both Washington and Japan have made no payments so far for 1989, the FAO said today.

Director-general Edouard Saouma, appealing for prompt payment by all member nations, said the United States, FAO's largest donor and meant to provide 25 per cent of its funds, was in arrears for 1986, 1987 and 1988.

"The future of FAO depends on the resources at its disposal to meet new and increasing needs," Saouma told the opening of a 10-day session of the FAO council.

"In view of population expansion and the persistent economic crisis in the poorest countries, it must be recognised that there can be no lasting solution without an expansion of our activities and therefore our resources," he said.

He said Tokyo, which contributes 13 per cent to the FAO budget, and Washington had not made any payment in the current year and other members were in arrears to a lesser degree.

He said a cash crisis had led to programme cuts and reduced services amounting to \$25 million in 1987 and \$20 million in 1988.

Saouma proposed a nominal one per cent net growth in FAO's budget for 1990 and 1991 from the \$492 million for 1988-89.

Economy poised for growth

TOKYO, June 20, (UPI): Spurred by brisk personal consumption and private-sector capital investment, Japan's gross national product for fiscal 1988 ended March 31 grew a net 5.1 per cent over a year ago, surpassing the government's projection of 4.9 per cent, the economic planning agency reported today.

The agency said it was the second straight year that the nation's GNP had expanded at an annual rate of more than 5.0 per cent.

Imports increased 8.6 per cent, topping a 7.6 per cent rise in exports, the officials said.

In the last quarter of fiscal 1988, the inflation-adjusted

for 1988 totalled 371,276.5 billion yen (\$2.56 trillion), up 5.7 per cent in nominal terms or up 5.1 per cent in real terms.

Agency officials said domestic demand boosted the GNP by 6.8 per cent while exports caused a 1.7 per cent adverse effect for the third consecutive year.

The officials said personal spending grew 1.9 per cent while capital investment by the private sector jumped 6.6 per cent.

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topping a 7.6 per cent rise in exports, the officials said.

In the last quarter of fiscal 1988, the inflation-adjusted

GNP grew 2.2 per cent for an annualised rate of 9.1 per cent, the officials said.

Personal consumption jumped in the quarter, spurred by a rush of buying ahead of Japan's first sales tax April 1, they said.

Under the new tax system, a 3.0 per cent tax is levied on most goods and services.

"GNP growth may slow down in the April-June period because of the new tax but we consider it a temporary phenomenon," a spokesman for the agency said.

"Basically, Japan's economy remains on an expansionary stage," the official said.

Air show comes to an end

Record attendance of exhibitors

PARIS, June 20, (AP): The 38th Paris Air Show closed yesterday after recording its highest-ever number of visitors and exhibitors, organisers said.

The 10-day show featured demonstration flights by more than 210 aircraft, press conferences attended by more than 2,000 accredited journalists and business deals arranged amid the luxurious, hi-tech stands and pavilions of 1,600 exhibitors.

The prestigious biannual show had an auspicious start, June 8 when a single-seater Soviet fighter jet, the MiG-29, crashed executing a low flypass during its demonstration flight.

But pilot Anatoly K. Kotchubay managed to direct his aircraft away from the lightning crowded with spectators and aircraft, and eject from the plane at the last possible second.

He survived the crash, which officials believe was caused by a bird or stone cutting the air intake and stalls one of the aircraft's engines.

The loss of the \$20 million MiG-29 did not dampen the spirits of the Soviet delegation, which

presented 13 craft, including the world's largest transporter plane — the giant, six-engine Antonov 225 carrying the Buran space shuttle on its broad

tail-spar manoeuvre dubbed the Cobra, had hardened experts and tens of thousands of visitors gazing in admiration.

It was the first time the Sukhoi-27 or the Sukhoi-27 model had been seen in the West.

Displays by other combat aircraft, including the needle-nosed F-16 from the United States, the vertical-takeoff Harrier from Britain and squadrons of thudding Puma and Panther helicopters from host country France were highlights of weekend displays.

Although the air show recorded 103,768 entries this year, an estimated 20 per cent increase in public enthusiasts over the record set in 1987, the show's principal aim is to sell aircraft.

Tanzanian President Ali Hassan Mwinyi met IMF officials in May and promised to carry on with economic reforms begun in 1986 to ensure economic growth and continued backing from donors.

They also expect Finance Minister Cleopha Msuya to announce a further devaluation of the Tanzanian shilling in response to pressure from lenders and donors.

"These issues are crucial if Tanzania has to play ball with the International Monetary Fund (IMF)," one Western diplomat said.

An IMF accord is the linchpin of Tanzania's economic recovery programme because it underwrites annual aid of up to \$800 million.

VIDEO CORNER

Tom's funnier as the mysterious alibi

THE last few weeks have seen so many acclaimed box office releases that it's difficult enough to find time to watch them all, never mind review them.

Tom Selleck's first comedy role was in last year's *Three Men And A Baby*, which was an international success. His second comic role in *Her Alibi* did not do quite so well at the box office, but in my view is much funnier. Selleck plays a mystery writer suffering from writer's block since his wife dumped him four years previously.

A guy who created all the action in his life through his writing, he hasn't been in a fight since the age of six or had an affair with a woman since his wife left. Desperate for a successful storyline, he roams the courthouses until he finds a beautiful Romanian girl (international model Paulina Porizkova) on trial for murder.

He plots with his manager to give her an alibi by saying he was having an affair with her. Threatened by the Romanian secret police, she is all too willing to go along with the story and move in to his rambling country mansion.

The storyline is a combination of fear and lust, with sexual tension in between, all played for nervous laughter. Selleck is totally infatuated with a young woman who may want to kill him. He has to face reality and take action, something he has not done before in his life, even though he claims to have modelled the suave sleuth in his novels on himself.

The sitcom aspect of the film generates some of the funniest moments I have seen for quite some time, and the dialogue has some superb repartee — "You fell in love with a murderer," accuses his family. "It's tough meeting nice girls these days," he mumbles. Selleck's grouchy charm, and Porizkova's attractiveness add to the charm of the film, leaving us with a well above average, elegant but lightweight comedy.

Bette Midler stars with Barbara Hershey in a huge recent American box office hit called *Beaches*. Midler plays a sleazy concert artist who finally hits the big time as a pop singer, and Barbara Hershey is rich, bored heiress with lots of money and no friends. They meet as young girls under the boardwalk when Hershey has lost her way to the hotel and an unlikely relationship develops over the years as each goes her different way — Hershey to become a lawyer, and Midler as a pop singer. Various situations in their married and professional lives push them into good times, bad times, and times when best friends grow apart and grow together again. There are echoes of *Rick and Morty*, as both learn to cope the queen of sleaze routine, but her role is redeemed by some good songs, one of which is at present No. 1 in the charts. Well received by critics and filmgoers alike, "this film must have something which I failed to see. Whereas other reviewers mention 'controlled,' 'tear-jerking,' 'refreshingly entertaining' etc this reviewer tended to find it contrived and even embarrassing at times.

The merger of skateboarding with a crime thriller sounds like something to avoid totally, but in fact *Gleaming The Cube* is one of the best teenage films of late. This surprisingly well-made drama was an instant hit with young audiences, and brings some good insights into the subcultures of American teenagers. Brian Kelly sneers cynically at everything until his Vietnamese halfbrother Vinh hangs himself in a motel room. Convinced that his smart, responsible and respectful brother would never have taken his own life, he starts a dangerous investigation.

The stunt scenes are thrilling and actually work as part of the story. They also give us an idea about how far bored kids will go to shake themselves out of their complacency. Brian realises he must leave his spiked hair and earrings behind if he is going to solve his brother's

murder, as without a decent appearance he won't get respect from the adults whose help he needs. To the amusement of his friends, he cuts his hair and rides a bicycle.

Walt Disney no longer has the monopoly on cartoon features as the success of *An American Tail* showed last year. Now *Land Before Time*, a Universal release, has beaten Disney's *Oliver and Company* by a significant margin at the box office. However the difference between a Disney feature and the recent *Don Bluth* creation is that the former tries to please an audience of all ages, whereas *Land Before Time* is unlikely to have many fans aged over ten.

While en route to the Great Valley, which has abundant edible plant life, five juvenile dinosaurs are cut off from the

rest of the herd by a pack of hungry carnivores.

They must now learn to survive on their own.

Land Before Time is a great film for children, with its gentle humour and教訓.

It's a must-see for all families.

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Research shows psychological benefits of physical exertion

Exercise: for a healthier state of mind

By Barbara Lamb

HARDLY a day passes without the media extolling the latest exercise fad, from aerobics to calisthenics, enticing us with the promise of a trimmer, tauter shape along with the advantages of staying healthy and living longer.

But while the physical benefits of regular exercise have been well documented — lower blood pressure, less body fat and a healthier heart — the positive effects of exercise on our mental state have had comparatively little evidence to back them up. For while you are burning up the calories and working off the flab you could also be helping to ward off depression.

According to Hannah Steinberg, a professor of psychopharmacology, consistent, sensible exercise could do as much for the mind as for the body. The answer may lie in our endorphins. It has been known for some time that the brain can manufacture endorphins (endogenous morphines), its own natural opiate-like substances, but their significance seems to have been overlooked.

Steinberg and her colleagues at University College London have recently carried out further scientific research which reveals that stimulating the body through exercise helps release the endorphins and can lift your mood, giving you feelings of well-being similar to those of helpful, psycho-active drugs. "If you optimize your physical behaviour you stand a very good chance of also optimizing your mental state," she says.

Effects

Psychopharmacology is a comparatively new science, and is concerned with the effect of drugs which act on the brain. When Steinberg is overwhelmed by pressure of work, she moves energetically to music until the tension seems to ebb away. The exercise does not have to be vigorous to produce the desired effect, she emphasizes, and she warns against over-exertion.

A recent study by Steinberg's research group has convinced her that even the emotionally stable can withstand more stress if they exercise regularly.

The Steinberg research team carried out tests to explore the link between physical exercise, its psychological benefits and endorphins. Men and women were divided into three groups according to their aerobic fitness, and subjected to a laboratory stress test. The tests revealed that not only do the physically fit react to stress less strongly, but their heart rate goes more slowly and recovers more quickly. Men and women reacted differently: in men the changes were predominantly a physical, with blood pressure rising more dramatically in the unfit, whereas with unfit women it was anxiety that increased.

Steinberg was not surprised that there was a difference between the sexes. "It suggested that men were more protected from risk of physical illness such as heart disease when they exercise, whereas physically fit women are more able to cope with mental stress and therefore get more psychological benefit."

Improve

That exercise can improve the mood of patients in psychiatric hospitals has also been established. Psychiatrist Dr Desmond Kelly, president of the International Stress Control Society and medical director of the Priory, a private psychiatric hospital in Roehampton, south-west London, believes very much in controlled exercise for mental health.

It has been an intrinsic part of the hospital regime for a number of years, in many cases allowing patients to cut down on drugs once they are past the acute phase. Exercise and swimming sessions have proved so successful in helping patients in their recovery that the hospital is now building a full-scale gymnasium, which will be completed this summer.

Dr David Veale, of the Maudsley Hospital, London, who has



also extensively researched the psychological benefits of exercise, is more cautious and does not believe it should be regarded as a panacea.

Last year he carried out his own study on exercise as a treatment for depression, and con-

cluded that aerobic exercise works as well as drug therapy, but only on mild to moderate cases. He talks of the temporary elevation in mood: "Many will testify that they feel less anxious immediately after exercise, but the long-term benefits are harder to evaluate."

Steinberg's belief in the psychological effects of physical exercise was triggered a few years ago when her research assistant noticed that her depression lifted once she started to exercise regularly. "When it was first dis-

coved that the nervous system can produce substances which are similar to materials derived from opium poppies, it was hailed as a breakthrough," Steinberg says. "Since then an enormous amount of research has been carried out to find out more about the highly complex nature and functions of endorphins."

Pain relief is to some extent produced by the body itself. She cites the example of "battle wounds," which are supposed to leave you free of pain until the battle is over.

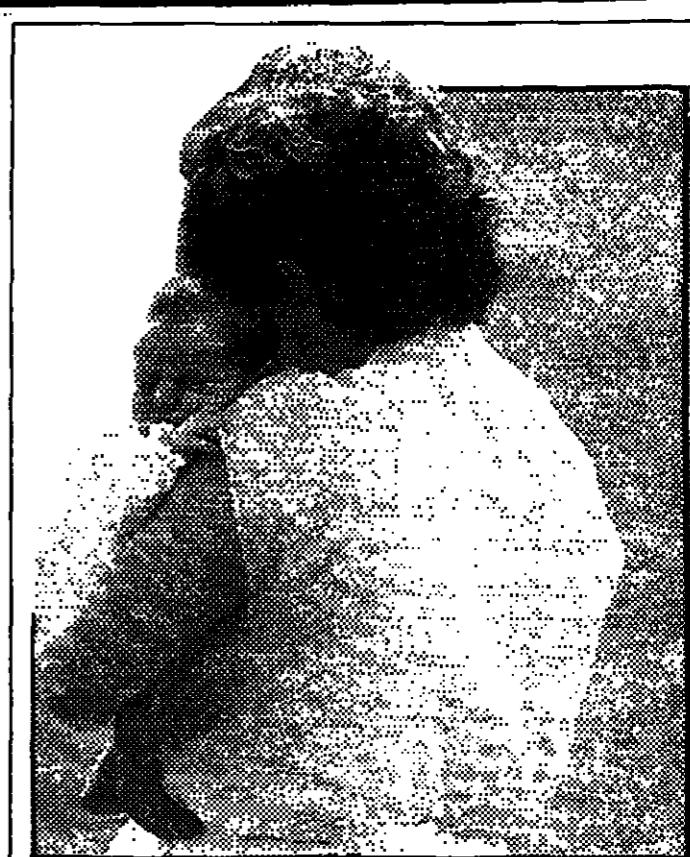
However, overenthusiastic exercising, Steinberg says, can lead to addiction and the danger of becoming equally depressed when deprived of the endorphins.

A six-week experiment with 40 runners showed that "runner's high," often criticized as a myth, is real. Steinberg and her team divided runners into two groups; the control group continued normal running and the other stopped all exercise over a two-week period.

Weekly assessments showed that more anxiety, depression and health problems. Once running was resumed withdrawal symptoms quickly disappeared. It was also noticed that the pain threshold seemed to rise after strenuous exercise.

Steinberg believes exercise is also useful in helping people come off addictive drugs, lessening withdrawal symptoms. "Clinics will put people on a complete detoxification programme, handing out substitute drugs which are a bit weaker." She thinks that exercise via endorphins could help replace these drugs and prevent relapse, one of the most common failures of detoxification.

At an international Sport Health psychology and exercise symposium held in Buckinghamshire last October, Nanette Mutrie of the University of Glasgow reported that she found mildly depressed women who exercised aerobically over two weeks recovered faster than those still awaiting treatment.



Test-tube babies for older women is now a possibility.

Beating the clock to motherhood

By Jenny Hope

A NEW test-tube baby treatment is bringing hope to women in their late 40s who thought their chance of having a family was over.

The treatment is being hailed as a "biological breakthrough" for women suffering years of infertility or who have simply felt it too late to get pregnant.

Already a woman of 48 has had twins after 25 years of trying to conceive and ten other women over 42 years old have succeeded in giving birth.

Dr Paul Serhal, clinical lecturer at University College Hospital, London, and Professor Ian Craft of the private Humana Hospital Wellington, London, have made the breakthrough, reported in the Lancet medical journal.

The treatment involves the transfer of eggs from a young donor to the patient.

Dr Serhal said the quality of the eggs is the vital factor involved in an extraordinary success rate. So far 61 women have been treated at the Humana and it is believed to be the largest such programme in the world.

Dr Serhal said: "Until now doctors assumed that the major problem with older women was the fact that eggs would not implant in an ageing womb.

"But of crucial importance is the eggs. When you transfer them from a younger woman to an older woman, the fertility potential is just the same for the recipient as the younger woman. This is a biological breakthrough."

New technology aids stones treatment



The treatment and diagnosis of kidney and other stones in the body has undergone a scientific revolution in the last 9 years. Picture shows the author with one of the new machines used in dissolving kidney stones.

OVER the last nine years a scientific revolution has changed the diagnosis and treatment of urinary stones either in the kidneys, ureters and bladder due to the possibility of breaking down these gravels by the effect of shock waves based on different principles — electromagnetic, pizo electric, laser energy, and chemical blasting.

These different modalities of physical energy can be focussed scientifically, to break down the stones in the human body without ill-effect on the other body tissues including the kidneys and the biliary tract in few selected cases.

In conjunction with the previous development endourological instruments have developed remarkably to high degree of accuracy and refinement, using the laser beam energy, ultrasonic waves and electro-hydraulic shock waves.

A second technological revolution of great importance is the improvement in the first-generation "lithotripters" which are still in use in a lot of centres and require the patient to have a general anaesthesia and a water bath immersion for his shock wave treatment.

Thanks to the second and third generation lithotripters which can break down such stones without the necessity of anaesthesia or a water bath, the patient is able to complete his treatment in a short period of time amounting to a few hours only without pain or complications.

Urinary stones are of several

varieties, and differs in chemical construction and their resistance to dissolve. Most of the stones are either calcium oxalate, a mixture of magnesium ammonium phosphate, uric acid or cystine stones.

There is a higher incidence of stone formations in the Gulf countries as compared to Europe, North America or Australia.

Hot climates with increased humidity contributes to the crystallization of salts in the urine, along with an increased dietary protein intake, which has an important role in the formation of stone skeleton. Decreased intake of fluids and other genetic factors also add to the previous factors.

Stone diagnosis

Stone diagnosis is the keystone on which a successful treatment is achieved. Diagnosis has developed remarkably and effectively over the last decade as a result of new technology. Nevertheless, clinical scientific experience for the urologist constitute the basic factors in diagnosis.

Laboratory work-up for urine analysis, as well as blood biochemistry are also important diagnostic parameters in assessing the kidney function, as well as stone constituents.

Radiology (X-rays) still occupies its traditional role in diagnosis of the stones. These range from normal X-rays for the urinary tract which shows up radio dense stones containing

high percentage of calcium as well as giving additional information about the human skeleton and other associated problems. Ultrasonography, has no harmful effects and can be used briefly during pregnancy to show up the kidneys and radiolucent stones which can be missed easily on the usual traditional plain X-rays. They also have an important role, in showing roughly, a blockage, if any, in the kidneys as a result of these stones, as well as any associated biliary stones in the gall bladder or the draining tubes. They also are beneficial in showing other organs inside theummy.

Coloured X-rays (IVU) are very useful X-ray facility to show the real anatomy of the urinary tracts, as well as stones and if there is any blockage or congenital abnormalities. They are crucial in most cases before the

shock wave therapy unless the patient is allergic to the dyes used. Computerized tomographic X-rays (CT) can be helpful on some of these cases to show any associated problems in the kidneys and also to follow-up complications which could arise in the future. Nuclear medicine studies can differentiate the kidney function on both sides and give an accurate percentage of each before treatment, especially in big blocking stones which diminish such functions progressively. Nuclear magnetic resonance (MR) is a useful gadget in such centres to monitor any kidney complications which could develop later on.

The diagnoses of stones and associated problems had developed remarkably over the last decade and have enabled the genito-urinary surgeon to reach an accurate diagnosis in such cases.

QUESTION: Your advice is always so welcome in our home because it always rings true. I know many people write to you to ask about cures for disease, but we think your emphasis on prevention is most important. Now, if you could discuss ways to prevent cancer, you would be doing everyone a service.

ANSWER: If ever I wished I had a simple and complete answer for a question, this would be the one. The problem is that there are so many cancers and so many causes, but there aren't any simple answers.

The basic rules of good health are always a good starting point, and must be emphasized over and over again because they help prevent all kinds of illnesses. Regular physical check-ups, exercise and diet are always important. Researchers also have given us some specific tips that may be useful. Foods high in fiber help lower the risk of colon cancer. Keep the fat content in your diet low to reduce risks of breast, prostate cancer and rectal cancer. Avoid unnecessary X-rays, but be quick to permit those that are important for diagnosis and recommended by your physician.

MODERATION IS KEY TIP TO CANCER PREVENTION

There are many risk factors that exist in the workplace so you should become knowledgeable about the materials that you come in contact with and the safe procedures that must be used in handling them. Excessive exposure to the harmful rays of the sun may lead to skin cancer, so keep covered or use appropriate sunscreens when you're outside.

The harm done by smoking is obvious and dramatic, and moving toward a non-smoking society may prevent thousands of needless cases of lung cancer, heart disease and emphysema.

There may be many more such tips, each directed at a specific cancer, but the call for moderation in all things must be one of the most valuable tips one can offer to prevent cancer. One day, I hope I will be able to answer your question more directly, but until then give these tips a try.

ACROSS MY DESK: The volume of mail about Lyme Disease has grown considerably as the summer months approach. One overwhelming concern seems to be the method by

which ticks should be removed when found on the body. Although I know of many techniques, let me outline those used by health departments in regions where Lyme Disease strikes most frequently.

The safest method is to use a fine-tipped tweezers to grasp the tick's mouth parts, as close to the skin as possible. Pull back with a slow, gradual, but steady pressure, so that the tick will come loose with all parts intact. Then check the area of the bite carefully to be sure that nothing remains. Clean the tick bite with a good antiseptic solution. No dressing is necessary.

Another suggestion is to keep the dead tick taped to an index card, and make a note of the date of the bite on the card. If a round, reddish rash that grows outward develops or if you experience flu-like symptoms in the days that follow the bite incident, consult a doctor at once and bring the card with the tick along. Early treatment with antibiotics is generally successful.

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Cartoon message for Third World children

Kung Fu hero KO's AIDS

'Survivors,' is an imaginative cartoon video to educate hardened street children about the dangers of AIDS.

LONDON: Street kids from Nairobi to New York City, invited to preview a special AIDS education video, laughed, cheered and cried over cartoon characters just like themselves — homeless, and surviving on their wits — who look after each other and learn to protect themselves and their "gang" from AIDS.

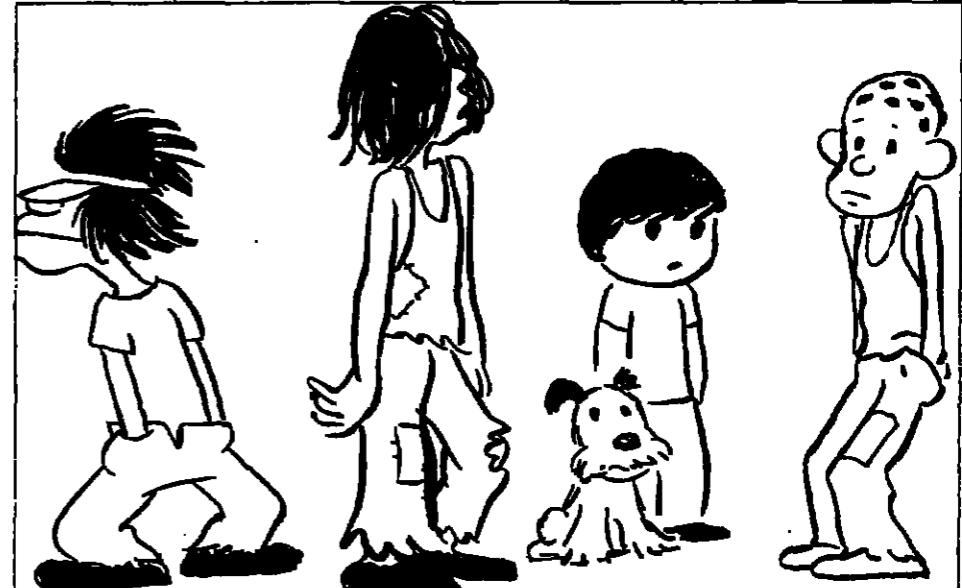
One 12-year-old in the Philippines responded enthusiastically: "It's a film about me and my friends. I like Dingo Dog because he doesn't have a home, and neither do we. (The characters) have choices, and we learn that their choices have consequences... I learned a lot about AIDS, and I learned it's very important to look after your friends."

The story of the animated film "Survivors" is partly based on real-life adventures of children in Mexico and Guatemala City and tells the story of two boys who juggle in the streets for their livelihood. A sinister and smiling stranger offers one of them money in exchange for sex and the child contracts the virus which causes AIDS and dies. The hero of the film, inspired by Kung-fu movie star Bruce Lee, uses the language of self-defence to explain why their friend died and how children can protect against HIV.

Special consultant Peter Dalglish, who founded Street Kids International — a bicycle courier service in Sudan's capital city which gives young people an economic alternative to prostitution and other dangerous activities — believes that cartoon animation with a non-judgmental message can effectively communicate vital health prevention information to culturally varied, largely illiterate youthful audiences.

The animation team did their homework and found out that street children traditionally recognise and reject messages directed at them by authority figures such as policemen or doctors with an "I know what's best for you" sermon. The karate hero represents an alternative who speaks their language and reflects their values.

Street kids who confront danger every day in a battle for food and shelter are not likely to be frightened by the spectre of a disease which



A preliminary sketch for "Survivors," an adventure cartoon to teach street children about AIDS.

might kill them in the future. Health educators now realize that a fearful, Grim Reaper image of the virus does not lead to appropriate behaviour change in sex or drug use; in fact, such images may backfire, creating fear and confusion. So film makers appealed to the fierce loyalty of the kids to each other, developing the theme: "protect yourself, protect your friends."

The makers of "Survivors", which is co-produced by Street Kids International and the National Film Board of Canada in close consultation with the World Health Organization's Global Programme on AIDS, are responding to the urgent need to reach an estimated 40 million children and adolescents living rough on the streets of the world's cities, forced into prostitution and theft out of economic necessity and increasingly vulnerable to AIDS. Recent studies in Khartoum and New York showed 7 per cent HIV positivity in street kids; in Brazil, 5-10 per cent.

The cartoon reflects life on those mean streets, where adults play only marginal roles and kids often resort to "comfort sex" among themselves, as well as prostitution. During pre-testing, some youth workers rejected the film's depiction of sexually active kids and worried that a message for condom use

promoted adolescent sexual activity; however, the kids were unfazed and eager for clear, explicit facts about safer sex.

Weapon

"This video is a weapon for the frontlines in the battle to save young lives from AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases," insists Dalglish. "We have to accept the reality of street-life and inform kids that condoms prevent HIV transmission — with an adult client or with a friend."

Pre-testing the video revealed that street kids are good movie critics: the girls wanted a strong female character; others asked insightful questions which pointed out weak or confusing messages. The final product will emphasize that children can get AIDS from a friend as well as a stranger; that someone can look healthy for years and still carry the virus; and that girls are equally at risk.

The cartoon will first be distributed in Brazil in July, accompanied by a comic book and a teaching guide for youth workers to facilitate a comprehensive and accurate discussion with kids after they watch the video.

By the end of 1989 the video will have been distributed in nine more developing countries: Kenya, Mozambique, Zaire, Uganda, Mexico, Peru, Colombia, Senegal and Haiti.

By Smith



Two agents sentenced to prison for fraud

CHICAGO, June 20, (AP): A federal judge yesterday sentenced two sports agents to prison terms of up to five years for signing billeplayers to representation contracts before their eligibility for college athletics had expired.

Norby Walters, 57, received five years in prison, and Lloyd Bloom, 29, three years. US district judge George Marovich also gave them five years' probation.

They were convicted April 13 of racketeering, conspiracy and mail fraud and had faced up to 55 years in prison.

"There were no heroes," Marovich said of the case, subject of a five-week trial.

The judge said the athletes involved were equally guilty of fraud, and he gave "fair warning" to athletes, sports agents, university administrators and others involved in college athletics:

"You may be playing in a different ballgame and it might be called hardball... there is a previously unrecognized player on the field: the rule of law."

The two agents were accused of paying athletes thousands of dollars to sign representation contracts before their college eligibility had expired, a violation of National Collegiate Athletic Association rules; of threatening athletes to prevent them from breaking the agreements, and of cheating seven major universities out of scholarship money through the NCAA violation, which made the athletes ineligible to play.

Forty-three players who signed with Walters and Bloom avoided prosecution by agreeing to co-operate with the government in addition to performing community service and repaying part of their scholarships to their schools.

"I'm really sorry for all the problems I gave caused everyone," Walters told the court, almost whispering and at times choking back tears. "I invested almost a million dollars in this sports business. I lost it all — I lost every penny."

"If I believed for one instant that I was breaking the law, I wouldn't have started," Walter said, adding: "I didn't threaten anybody."

Bloom told the court: "I am deeply sorry for what I've done. If I can be given a second chance I'd like it."

Attorneys for the agents have appealed the convictions.

Lemond gets ready for action again

NEW YORK, June 20, (AP): It's a hectic time for Greg Lemond, with or without cycling.

The most accomplished US cyclist ever is planning four days of racing this week in Spain, training in the mountains and returning to his home in Belgium for two more races before the Tour de France opens July 1.

"I've never done this at so crucial a point of the season," the 27-year-old cyclist said. "I'll try to minimize fatigue and follow a European schedule while I'm here — go to sleep at 6 pm, wake up according to European time, which would be 3 am New York time. I'll only be in the US on Friday night through Sunday, so I should be OK."

Why bother with such a testing schedule so close to cycling's premier event, which Lemond won in 1986, the only time an American has taken the Tour de France?

"It's a race I've never done and it's gotten bigger and would be an important title for me to have in my career," says Lemond, the 1983 gold medallist at the World Championships. "I race for the Coors Light team and this is one of the biggest goals of the team, to have a member win this race."

This event, through the streets of Philadelphia, should be a good one for Lemond.

Lemond is beginning to think of championships again after nearly three years of disappointment and injury. He was almost killed in a hunting accident in 1987 while recuperating from a broken hand suffered in an Italian race. Lemond was shot by his brother-in-law, who mistook Lemond's footsteps for those of a wild turkey.

That was followed by an emergency appendectomy and last year, tendinitis in the knees.

This season didn't start much better.

"Since mid-April, I haven't felt 100 per cent," he admits. "I had some disastrous days at the beginning of the Tour de Italy. I was considering quitting it, but then I finished strong."

That added a lot of confidence and showed me everything is getting to be OK with my body."

Still, Lemond isn't expecting to run away from the field in the Tour de France.

Timman beats Nunn in adjourned game

ROTTERDAM, Netherlands, June 20, (AP): Dutch grandmaster Jan Timman defeated Britain's John Nunn in their adjourned match in the 12th round of the World Cup chess tournament yesterday.

Timman moved within half a point of former world champion Anatoly Karpov of the Soviet Union in the standings of the \$100,000 tournament.

The outcome had been expected as Nunn was left with a hopeless endgame when the contest was adjourned at the 61st move of a drawn-out battle from a French defence on

Saturday.

Timman, who had black, needed only eight moves in the resumption to convince Nunn that further resistance was useless.

The victory boosted Timman's score to 8 points from the twelve games he has played so far but it was not enough to bring him alongside Karpov, who topped the tournament table with 8 and 1-2 points from eleven games.

With only three games in hand against Karpov's four in the four final rounds of the tournament, Timman's chances of catching

up with the former world champion seemed virtually non-existent.

Raphael Vaganian of the Soviet Union, meanwhile, replaced Nunn in third place after picking up two points from the two adjourned games he completed yesterday.

The Armenian grandmaster first beat Jesus Nogueiras of Cuba in their game held over from the twelfth round and then went on to finish off US grandmaster Yasser Seirawan in their adjourned endgame from Sunday's thirteenth-round.

Mets overcome Expos

Johnson, Gooden on top



Dwight Gooden
pitching of Eric Show, beat the
Los Angeles Dodgers.

Giants 3, Astros 2
Kevin Mitchell increased his
Major-League-leading RBI total
and reliever Steve Bedrosian got
his first save for San Francisco as

the Giants beat the Houston
Astros.

White Sox 8, Red Sox 2
Carlton Fisk went 4-for-4 and
Fred Manrique drove in three
runs last night as the Chicago
White Sox beat Boston 8-2 and
averted a four-game sweep.

Fisk's first four-hit game since
Sept. 6, 1985, raised his average to
.324 against his former team. He
got his 12th career four-hit game.

"If you've got a good swing
going it doesn't make any differ-
ence who you're hitting
against," he said. "I wasn't doing
well coming into this game but I
got tuned in tonight."

Shawn Hillegas pitched 5 2-3
shutout innings in relief, allowing
just three hits, for the victory.
Don Palk finished with three
scoreless innings for his third
save.

Ivan Calderon hit a two-run
triple during a six-run third
inning against John Dopsos, 6-5.

In other American League
playoff: Baltimore 6, Seattle 5;
Toronto 8; San Diego 1; Detroit
6, Oakland 4; Milwaukee 11;
Minnesota 8; Orioles 9, Mariners 5.

Cal Ripken put Baltimore
ahead with a three-run Homer
and Mickey Tettleton followed
with his American league-leading
17th home run as the Orioles
scored seven times in the seventh

inning and beat the Seattle
Mariners.

Blue Jays 8, Angels 1
Junior Felix drove in three
runs, two with his sixth homer,
and Dave Stieb hurled five-hit
ball for six innings for his fourth
straight victory as Toronto beat
California.

National League
East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	37	30	.552	1 1/2
New York	35	31	.530	1 1/2
Montreal	36	33	.522	1 1/2
St Louis	37	32	.508	1 1/2
Pittsburgh	27	37	.422	8 1/2
Philadelphia	28	41	.359	12 1/2

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Francisco	41	28	.594	1 1/2
Houston	39	30	.562	1 1/2
Cincinnati	37	30	.552	1 1/2
Los Angeles	34	34	.500	6 1/2
San Diego	34	37	.479	10 1/2
Atlanta	27	40	.403	13

American League
East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Baltimore	38	28	.576	1 1/2
Cleveland	33	34	.493	5 1/2
New York	33	34	.493	5 1/2
Boston	31	33	.484	6
Milwaukee	32	36	.471	7
Toronto	32	36	.471	12 1/2
Detroit	26	41	.382	17

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Oakland	42	27	.600	1 1/2
California	39	27	.591	1 1/2
Kansas City	39	28	.582	4
Texas	37	30	.552	9
Minnesota	32	35	.479	9
Seattle	32	38	.457	10 1/2
Chicago	23	44	.362	17

Giamatti to oppose motion

Rose asks court to bar hearing

CINCINNATI, June 20, (Reuters): Cincinnati Reds manager Pete Rose, under investigation for illegal gambling, asked a court yesterday to bar Major League baseball commissioner A. Bartlett Giamatti from forcing him to appear at a disciplinary hearing.

Giamatti is considering allegations against Rose that he has bet on baseball games. If Giamatti finds that the Reds manager is guilty of betting on baseball, Rose — baseball's all-time hit leader — could be suspended. If Rose found to have bet on Reds' games, he could be banned from the game for life.

Rose's attorney, Reuben Katz, said Rose has "consistently denied he has ever bet on the Cincinnati Reds or on baseball games."

In his motion filed in Hamilton county common pleas court, Rose asked the entire case be removed from Giamatti's jurisdiction and given to the courts to decide. Judge Norbert Nadel said he probably will hold a hearing today on the temporary restraining order sought by Rose.

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Switzer denied ever paying a player to come to Oklahoma or giving a university player any money. He did, however, make an impassioned plea for changes to the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) rules prohibiting coaches to aid on those charges.

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Lewis, teammates barred from British meet

BIRMINGHAM, England, June 20. (AP) Olympic champion Carl Lewis and three track club teammates have been barred from an international track meet this weekend by the sport's US governing body, British officials said today.

The British Amateur Athletics Board said it had been told by the Athletics Con-

gress, US track's ruling federation, that Lewis and three other members of the Santa Monica Track Club had been refused permission to compete.

The United States, the Soviet Union, West Germany and Britain meet at Alexandra stadium Friday and Saturday in one

of the major events of the European track season.

Lewis, Olympic 200-metre champion Joe DeLoach, Floyd Heard and Danny Everett, all from Santa Monica TC, boycotted the US Track and Field Championships last weekend, where the US team was picked.

The four Californians planned to run at Birmingham as an independent squad to try to break the world record in the 800-metre relay. They would have run against four national teams including the British squad led by Linford Christie, who finished second to Lewis in the Olympic 100 metres last summer.

Lendl faces awkward opener

Edberg and Becker could meet in final again



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Wimbledon organisers defy ATP

LONDON, June 20. (Reuter) World number one Ivan Lendl was yesterday named top seed for the Wimbledon Tennis Championships 24 hours after winning his first tournament on grass.

The organisers appointed Czechoslovak Lendl the man to beat when Wimbledon begins next Monday after his victory in the London grasscourt final at Queen's Club on Sunday.

But Lendl's seeding was the one major concession to players' demands that the seedings mirror the world rankings.

Defending champion Stefan Edberg was named second seed, despite his world number three ranking, with West German world number two and twice champion Boris Becker seeded third.

And 17-year-old French Open champion Michael Chang was named ninth seed despite being ranked sixth in the world.

Those rated above him included American veteran John McEnroe, Wimbledon champion in 1981, 1983 and 1984 but currently ranked eighth in the world, who was seeded fifth.

The seedings committee stuck to the world rankings in compiling the women's list.

West German Steffi Graf, Grand Slam and Olympic champion last year, was predictably named top seed with American Martina Navratilova, bidding for a record ninth title, seeded second and Argentina's Gabriella Sabatini third.

The Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP), the players' union, had called on Wimbledon to base their seedings on the world rankings. But the committee clearly took ability on faster grass courts into account before announcing their list of 16 men's seeds.

According to the ATP, hard-court specialist Chang, surprise winner of the French Open eight days ago, should have been seeded fifth in the absence of world number four Andre Agassi.

But Switzerland's world number nine Jakob Hlasek, Czechoslovak Milosav Mecir, the world number 10, and world number 12 Tim Mayotte of the United States have all been placed above him.

Royal Ascot horse races

ASCOT, England, June 20. (Reuter) Results of feature races on the first day of the four-day Royal Ascot horse race meeting yesterday.

Queen Anne Stakes (Group Two) over one mile:

1. Warming 5-2 on favourite (ridden by Pat Eddery)

2. Reprimand 6-1 (Steve Cauthen)

3. Sweet Chese 11-1 (Paul Eddery)

Prince of Wales' Stakes (Group Two) over one mile and a quarter:

1. Two Timing 5-1 (Pat Eddery)

2. Beau Sher 12-1 (Bruce Raymond)

3. Most Welcome 4-6 favourite (Paul Eddery)

LONDON, June 20. (Reuter) Title favourites Stefan Edberg, the defending champion, and Boris Becker could meet in the Wimbledon men's final for the second year running after coming out in opposite halves of the draw yesterday.

West German Becker, the third seed beaten in four sets by Edberg in the 1988 final, faces another likely repeat of last year, a semifinal against world number one Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia.

If the seedings work out, Edberg, whose serve-and-volley game is ideally suited to grass, will play fellow-Swede Mats Wilander, like Lendl a player who prefers clay but shares the Czechoslovak's burning ambition to win Wimbledon at least once.

But Wilander, the fourth seed, has a minefield to pass through in the shape of former champion John McEnroe, seeded fifth in his attempt to win Wimbledon a fourth time.

Becker, Wimbledon champion as a 17-year-old in 1985 and again a year later, and Lendl, who has never won the world's oldest tournament and is top-seeded this time despite his sparse grass court success, wound up in the half of the draw which also contained seventh-seeded Milosav Mecir of Czechoslovakia, Lendl's projected quartefinal opponent.

But Lendl has an awkward opening match against Nicolas Perere, the Venezuelan who defeated Edberg in the first round of the London Grass Court Championship a week ago.

Becker's expected quartefinal opponent is Jakob Hlasek of Switzerland, the sixth seed.

Steffi Graf of West Germany, overwhelming favourite to retain the women's title, was less kindly treated by the draw.

She has a fourth-round encounter awaiting her against Yugoslav Monica Seles, the 15-year-old who took her to three

sets in the semifinals of the French Open 12 days ago, and then a quartefinal against Spaniard Arantxa Sanchez.

Sanchez, 17, beat Graf in the final of the French Open, the West German's first singles defeat in a Grand Slam tournament since she lost to Martina Navratilova in the final of the 1987 US Open.

But Graf may relish a return meeting with Sanchez on Wimbledon's fast grass, a surface the Spaniard does not like. She has never travelled beyond the first round at Wimbledon.

Navratilova and Chris Evert, seeded second and fourth respectively, must reach the final if they are to have their 10th singles meeting at Wimbledon.

In other words Evert, competing at Wimbledon since 1972, would have to beat Graf in the semifinals, and unlikely achievement given the American's waning form this year.

Navratilova, seeking a record

ninth singles titles, is seeded to play third-seeded Argentine Gabriela Sabatini in the semifinals.

Michael Chang, the 17-year-old American, who beat Lendl and Edberg on his way to a shock victory in the French Open nine days ago, suffered four defeats on grass in the Netherlands last week and is not expected to make the impact at Wimbledon he did in Paris.

It would be unwise to write off completely the chances of such a relentless retriever, but even his resistance is unlikely to survive on a surface which favours the heavy hitters.

Ninth-seeded Chang is due to play American Tim Mayotte in the fourth round but he may perish even before that with Michael Schapers, the 1.97-metre-tall Dutchman, looming as a third-round opponent.

Should he survive against expectations, Chang would come up against Edberg in the quartefinals.

Top seeds drop only two games apiece

Navratilova and Evert sail through

EASTBOURNE, England, June 20. (Reuter) World number two Martina Navratilova and Chris Evert dropped only two games apiece today as they eased into the third round of the Eastbourne Women's Grasscourt Tennis Championships, the traditional warm-up for Wimbledon.

Navratilova was relaxed after her 6-0 6-2 defeat of American Ronni Reis but refused to look ahead to her attempt to win back the Wimbledon title she held for six years.

"If I could bottle today I would be happy," said Navratilova, who will be seeded second at Wimbledon, behind Steffi Graf — an absentee here. "Today everything came together nicely."

Second-seeded Evert, who has not won here since 1979, was equally ruthless against British left-hander Sara Gomer, winning 6-2 6-0 — although she had a little more trouble clinching the winning point.

Gomer had won only six points in the first five games of

the second set but then saved two matchpoints, helped by an Evert double fault on the second. But the British woman put a backhand out on the third.

The American was certainly enjoying herself in the sunshine on the centre court at Eastbourne's Devonshire Park against hapless fellow left-hander Reis and she sealed victory with an ace on matchpoint.

"I have to enjoy the process otherwise the moment of victory is hollow," the top-seeded Navratilova said.

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"I am playing Eastbourne. I can't think about Wimbledon — I can't even think beyond the match ahead," she said.

Navratilova, 32, and defending champion here, has started working with Billie Jean King recently and credits the former Wimbledon champion with helping her to rediscover the fun in tennis.

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setting up a database listing banned drugs.

Christie was cleared of doping at last year's Seoul Olympics by the International Olympic Committee after traces of a stimulant were found in his urine sample.

"I have never forgotten, nor ever will, what a terrible experience it was to have won a medal for Britain and then have it tainted in that way," Christie said.

"I have realised ever since how much most of us in this country were missing out on education about drugs."

Gary Lineker

BARCELONA, Spain, June 20. (Reuter) Negotiations over England striker Gary Lineker continued today with Barcelona asking for half a million dollars more than Tottenham's offer, a Barcelona spokesman said.

"It's a purely economic matter. They've made their offer but Barcelona wants more, it's as simple as that," said the spokesman.

He added a decision on Lineker's future should be reached later this evening.

depend on me... then I say what I have already said in the past ... that if need be I am ready to go," he said.

Maradona, who is contracted to Napoli until 1993, said he had reaffirmed that offer on Sunday to club president Corrado Ferlaino and general manager Luciano Moggi.

Sunday's incident prompted Maradona to leave the stadium at half-time and appeared to have fuelled bitterness within the club.

Trainer Ottavio Bianchi, target of a players' mutiny last year, is widely expected to part ways with Napoli at the end of June after four years in which they have won the UEFA Cup and, in 1987, the club's first Italian League title.

Maradona, whose relationship with Bianchi has been troubled, said it was up to Ferlaino to decide Bianchi's future but he added that he wanted him to stay.

"Imagine what would happen if Bianchi went and we were to lose a match next season. Given what happened yesterday I would have to flee in a helicopter," he said.

Johnson: got bad advice

"It seems to have escalated over the years to ridiculous amounts," he said.

He added that drug testing made available to American Olympic athletes the winter prior to the 1984 Games served largely to help competitors and coaches fine-tune their steroid programmes and beat the tests at the Games.

Citing a 1985 letter he sent to five colleagues from the American College of Sports Medicine, Kerr also noted that European, particularly Eastern European countries, have taken anabolic steroid use to increasingly sophisticated levels.

Some Eastern bloc countries, he testified, have experimented with testosterone agents taken from various animals, noting that Olympic testing equipment looks only for human testosterone.

Kerr said he estimated that millions of American athletes, at all levels, professional and amateur, were using anabolic steroids and that the vast majority get these drugs from black market sources, and he could do nothing to stop them.

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Johnson was stripped of his gold medal in the 100-metre sprint at last year's Olympics



Warren Hegg



Phillip DeFreitas

Hegg and DeFreitas rescue Lancashire

LONDON, June 20. (Reuter) A thunderous ninth wicket stand of 133 between wicketkeeper Warren Hegg and discarded England pace bowler Phillip DeFreitas rescued Lancashire after they collapsed to 59 for eight in the English County Cricket championship yesterday.

The partnership between Hegg, who hit 73, and DeFreitas, with 59, took only 79 minutes and lifted their side to 196 all out against Glamorgan, who had made 297 for nine declared.

Fast-medium bowler Steve Watkin, who started Lancashire's slump with three wickets late on the first day at Old Trafford, captured three more on the second morning to have six for 23 in 14 overs.

Lancashire needed a further 89 to save the follow-on with two wickets left when Hegg and DeFreitas joined forces, and the pair hauled their side out of trouble in exhilarating style as Hegg completed his half century from 57 balls.

Glamorgan, 101 ahead on first innings, scored 186 for five by the close to extend their overall lead to 297.

Somerset were also revived by a stirring fightback, in the face of the highest championship score of the season — 526 for seven declared by Kent at Bath.

After sliding to 73 for five, Somerset recovered through an unfinished sixth wicket partnership of 201 between Richard Harden, who scored an unbeaten 102, and captain Vic Marks, with 89 not out.

The pair, who came together after seamer Alan Iggleston had claimed three wickets for one run, lifted Somerset to 245 for 5 at the close of the second day when they needed another 103 to save the follow-on.

Marks hit his highest championship score for three seasons while Harden reached his second century of the summer, off 228 balls and in 232 minutes, with his 14th four.

England opener Graham Gooch warmed up for the second Test against Australia at Lord's starting on Thursday by hitting an unbeaten 124 for Essex against Leicestershire at Chelmsford.

Gooch, who faced 217 balls and struck 14 fours, shared an unbroken third-wicket stand of 192 with Mark Waugh, twin brother of Australian Test all-rounder Steve. Essex's Waugh hit 89 not out before Gooch made a challenging declaration 115 behind at 262 for two.

Scores

At the Oval: Surrey 226 in 98 overs and 105 for three (A. Stewart 43 not out). Middlesex 222 in 78 overs (D. Haynes 64).

At Harrogate: Yorkshire 220 in 92.3 overs and 98 for one (M. Moors 50 not out). Gloucestershire 279 in 97.3 overs (J. Lloyd 42, J. Butcher 49, W. Athey 81).

At Derby: Derbyshire 342 (B. Maher 97, A. Dodds 64 for 112). Warwickshire 346 for seven (J. Clark 62, L. Lenham 50, A. Wells 50, V. Marks 50 not out for 146). Somerset 274 for five in 96 overs (R. Harden 102 not out, V. Marks 89 not out, S. Cook 45 not out). Essex 262 for two declared in 76 overs (G. Gooch 124 not out, M. Waugh 89 not out).

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